

# HATCHERY AND GENETIC MANAGEMENT PLAN (HGMP)

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**Hatchery Program:**

Kalama River Type-N Coho  
(Integrated)

**Species or  
Hatchery Stock:**

Type-N Coho (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*)  
Kalama River Stock

**Agency/Operator:**

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

**Watershed and Region:**

Kalama River/Lower Columbia

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## **Executive Summary**

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is submitting a Hatchery and Genetic Management Plan (HGMP) for the Kalama River Type-N (late-returning) coho program to the National Marine Fisheries (NMFS) for consultation under Section 10(a)(1)(A) or 4(d) of the Endangered Species Act (ESA). NMFS will use the information in this HGMP to evaluate the hatchery impacts on salmon and steelhead listed under the ESA. The primary goal of an HGMP is to devise biologically-based hatchery management strategies that ensure the conservation and recovery of salmon and steelhead populations. This HGMP focuses on the implementation of hatchery reform actions adopted by the Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission Policy on Hatchery and Fishery Reform C-3619.

The purpose of the program is to produce Kalama River Type-N coho for sustainable escapement to the watershed, while providing recreational harvest under mark-selective fisheries. Program fish will be produced at the Kalama Falls Hatchery, located on the Kalama River (WRIA 27.0002). The program will annually release 600,000 yearlings to the Kalama River.

This Type-N Coho HGMP is built around the principles and recommendations of the Hatchery Scientific Review Group (HSRG). These principles and recommendations represent the best science available for operating hatchery facilities consistent with the conservation of salmonid species. The program has been operated as an “integrated type” program, as defined by the HSRG, since 2005. An “integrated” program is one in which natural-origin individuals are used in the hatchery broodstocks. Integration is achieved by using up to 30% of the returning adult natural-origin Type-N coho (distinguished by an intact adipose fin) returning to the Kalama River at the Kalama Falls Hatchery trap (Rkm 36.8) from October through early-January. All fish released through this hatchery program have been 100% mass-marked (adipose fin-clipped) since brood year 1998; of these, 45,000 yearlings are also released coded-wire tagged (CWT) to help determine origin and straying rates.

The Lower Columbia River coho are listed as “Threatened” under the ESA. The ESU includes the Kalama Type-N Coho Program.

### **Broodstock Collection:**

The broodstock is derived from stock returning to the Kalama sub-basin. The proportion of natural-origin fish in the broodstock (pNOB) has averaged 33% over the last three years. The current egg-take goal is 750,000 at Kalama Falls Hatchery; around 275 adult pairs are collected. Surplus hatchery fish above broodstock may be donated to food banks or used for nutrient enhancement.

### **Harvest:**

Total annual harvest is dependent on management response to annual abundance in *Pacific Salmon Commission* (PSC - U.S./Canada), *Pacific Fishery Management Council* (PFMC - U.S. ocean), and *Columbia River Compact* forums. WDFW has also received authorization for tributary, Columbia River mainstem, and ocean fisheries; the combined harvest rates in the *Fisheries Management and Evaluation Plan* (FMEP), *Columbia River Fish Management Plan* (CRFMP), and ocean fisheries are reviewed annually in the North of Falcon process. The *U.S. v Oregon* Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) has prepared Biological Assessments (BAs) for combined fisheries based on relevant *U.S. v Oregon* management plans and agreements. The current BA concerns Columbia River treaty Indian and non-Indian fisheries, as described in the “2008–2017 *U.S. v Oregon* Management Agreement for upriver Chinook, sockeye, steelhead, coho, and white sturgeon” (2008–2017 MA).

Hatchery coho can contribute significantly to the lower Columbia River gill net fishery; commercial harvest of early-returning (Type-S) coho is constrained by fall Chinook and Sandy River coho management; commercial harvest of late-returning (Type-N) coho is focused in October during the peak abundance of hatchery-origin Type-N coho. A substantial estuary sport fishery exists between Buoy 10 and the Astoria-Megler Bridge;

Due to tagging limitations not all fish can be accounted for as being harvested or as back-to-rack counts, smolt-to-adult survival rates (SAR) are likely underestimated. Based on the average SAR of 2.09% for

brood years 2000-2009, and a programmed release goal of 600,000 yearlings, the estimated production goal would be 12,540 adults.

**Monitoring and Evaluation:**

Performance indicators for harvest will be accomplished by continuing mass-marking (adipose fin-clip); CWT recoveries help determine stray rate contributions on spawning grounds by watersheds close in proximity to this program's release vicinity.

**Operation and Maintenance of Hatchery Facilities:**

Kalama Falls Hatchery has water rights to divert water at a rate of 270 cfs from the Kalama River and 5 cfs from two non-fish bearing unnamed creeks. Kalama Falls Hatchery is a near 100% barrier to fish passage, with a diversion dam forcing fish to enter a step and pool ladder leading to a concrete trapping area. The return water systems operate under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

# **1 SECTION 1. GENERAL PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

## **1.1 Name of hatchery or program.**

Kalama Falls Hatchery Type-N Coho

## **1.2 Species and population (or stock) under propagation, and ESA status.**

Kalama River Type-N Coho (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*)

ESA Status: "Threatened" June 28, 2005 (70FR37160); reaffirmed on August 15, 2011 (76 FR 50448).

## **1.3 Responsible organization and individuals**

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**Other agencies, Tribes, co-operators, or organizations involved, including contractors, and extent of involvement in the program:**

NOAA-National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) – Manager of Mitchell Act Funds

## **1.4 Funding source, staffing level, and annual hatchery program operational costs.**

### Funding Sources

Mitchell Act

### Operation Information

Full time equivalent staff – 7.5

Annual operating cost (dollars) - \$1.13 - million

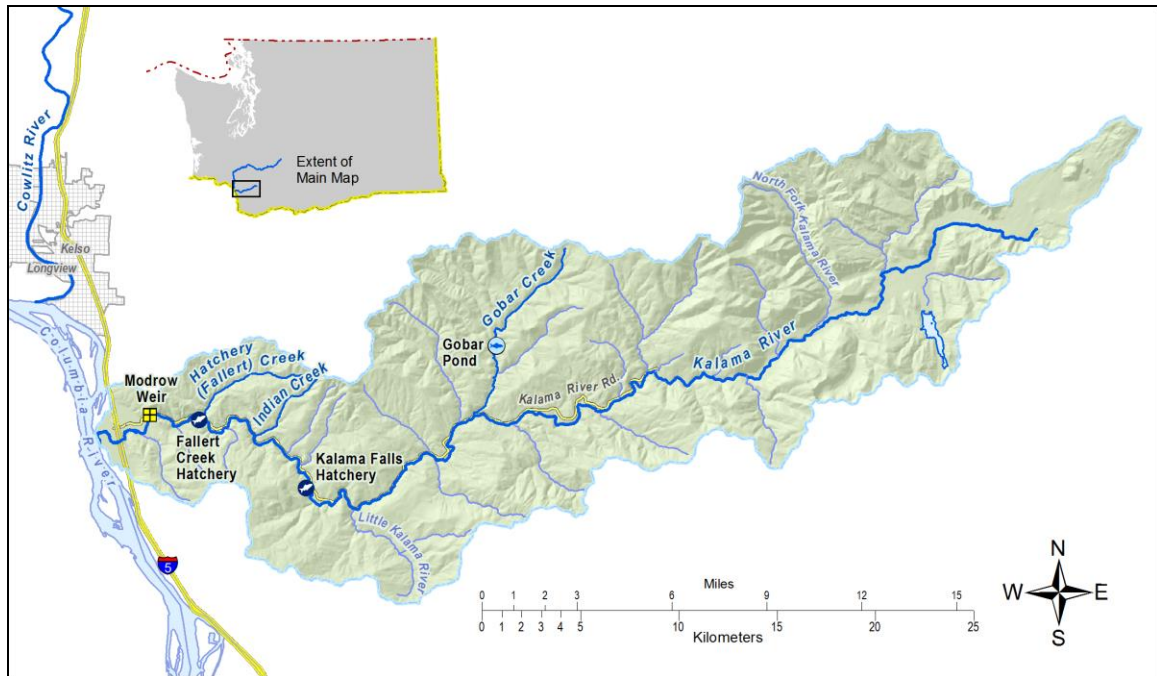
The above information for full-time equivalent staff and annual operating cost applies cumulatively to anadromous program facilities and cannot be broken out specifically by program.

## **1.5 Location(s) of hatchery and associated facilities.**

**Broodstock Source:** Kalama River Type-N coho

**Table 1.5.1:** Location of culturing phases, by facility.

Facility	Culturing Phase	Location
Kalama Falls Hatchery	Broodstock collection, Adult holding/spawning, Incubation, Rearing, Acclimation	Kalama River (WRIA 27.0002) at RM 36.8 (RKm 59.2); tributary to the Columbia River at RM 73.1 (RKm 117.6), Lower Columbia River, Washington.



**Figure 1.5.1:** Map of Kalama Basin, including Modrow Weir and Kalama Hatchery Complex facilities.  
Source: WDFW GIS.

## 1.6 Type of program.

Integrated Harvest

## 1.7 Purpose (Goal) of program.

**Mitigation/Augmentation.** The goal of this program is to provide escapement to the watershed and meet sport harvest goals under the mark-selective fishery regulations (retention of adipose-clipped fish only), while minimizing impacts to natural-origin listed salmonids and steelhead.

*Development of a hatchery coho broodstock similar to the late returning historical populations in the coastal region to improve abundance and distribution of naturally-produced coho.* The proposed integrated strategy for this program is based on WDFW's assessment of the genetic characteristics of the hatchery and local natural population, the current and anticipated productivity of the habitat used by the populations, the potential for successfully implementing an isolated program, and NMFS' listing determination (August 15, 2011 76 FR 50448). Integration of natural origin broodstock (NOBs) into existing hatchery stocks is consistent with principals of the Hatchery Scientific Review Group (HSRG), hatchery reform goals and with the *Lower Columbia Fish Recovery Board (LCFRB) Hatchery Sub-Basin Plans*. The percentage of natural influences changes (PNI) have been modeled by the "All-H Analyzer" (AHA), with short-term goals for hatchery programs. WDFW proposes to integrate coho programs at minimum levels of 10% and up to 35% where NOBs are available. WDFW will review options needed to increase the pNOB% for longer term integration goals with eventual Proportionate Natural Influence (PNI) achieving >0.5.

## 1.8 Justification for the program.

The program is funded through the Mitchell Act via NOAA-NMFS for the purpose of mitigation for lost fish production due to development within the Columbia River Basin. WDFW protects listed fish and provides harvest opportunity on hatchery fish through the *Lower Columbia River-Fish Management and Evaluation Plan (FMEP)* (WDFW 2001). The Mitchell Act programs are intended to support Northwest fishing economies – particularly coastal and Native American --

that have relied on Columbia River production both before and after dam construction. Catches of hatchery fish sustain the economies of local communities while keeping incidental mortalities of ESA-Listed fish at approved levels. Value of hatchery production and benefit to local economies will be further increased by implementing fisheries that increase harvest of hatchery produced fish, as expected through implementation of the Lower Columbia Salmon Recovery Plan (LCSRP).

To minimize impact on listed fish by the Kalama Falls Hatchery Type-N Coho program and operations, the following risk aversions are included in this HGMP (**Table 1.8.1**).

**Table 1.8.1:** Summary of risk aversion measures for the Kalama Falls Hatchery Type-N Coho program.

Potential Hazard	HGMP Reference	Risk Aversion Measures
Water Withdrawal	4.1	Water rights are formalized through trust water right from the Department of Ecology. Monitoring and measurement of water usage is reported in monthly NPDES reports.
Intake Screening	4.1	The new intake screens are in compliance with state and federal guidelines (NMFS 1995, 1996) and current <i>Anadromous Salmonid Passage Facility Design Criteria</i> (NMFS 2011).
Effluent Discharge	4.1	This facility operates under the “ <i>Upland Fin-Fish Hatching and Rearing</i> ” <i>National Pollution Discharge Elimination System</i> (NPDES) administered by the Washington Department of Ecology (DOE) - WAG 13-1053.
Broodstock Collection & Adult Passage	7.9	All adults are handled at Kalama Falls Hatchery trap; the Modrow weir only operates mid-August through mid-October, mostly outside the late coho return.  All fish are mass-marked prior to release. Broodstock collection and sorting procedures can quickly identify non-target listed fish (assumed if adipose fin is intact), and if encountered, released per protocol to minimize impact as determined by WDFW Region 5 staff.
Disease Transmission	7.9, 10.11	The <i>Salmonid Disease Control Policy of the Fisheries Co-Managers of Washington State</i> (WDFW and WWTIT 1998, updated 2006) and the <i>Fish Health Policy in the Columbia Basin</i> details hatchery practices and operations designed to stop the introduction and/or spread of any diseases within the Columbia Basin. Also, <i>Policies and Procedures for Columbia Basin Anadromous Salmonid Hatcheries</i> (Fish Health Policy Chapter 5, IHOT 1995).
Competition & Predation	2.2.3, 10.11	Fish are released at a time, size and the system and life history stage to foster rapid migration to marine waters, and to allow juvenile listed fish to grow to a size that reduces potential for predation.  Current risk aversions and future considerations are being reviewed and evaluated for further minimizing impacts to listed fish.

## 1.9 List of program “Performance Standards”.

See HGMP section 1.10. Standards and indicators are referenced from Northwest Power Planning Council (NPPC) Artificial Production Review (APR) (NPPC 2001).

## 1.10 List of program “Performance Indicators”, designated by "benefits" and "risks."

### 1.10.1 “Performance Indicators” addressing benefits.

**Table 1.10.1.1:** “Performance Indicators” addressing benefits.

Benefits		
Performance Standard	Performance Indicator	Monitoring & Evaluation
3.1.2 Program contributes to mitigation requirements. Program provides mitigation for lost fish production due to development within the Columbia River Basin.	Number of fish released by program returning, or caught, as applicable to given mitigation requirements.	Annually estimate survival and contribution for each brood year released.  This program provides mitigation for lost fish production due to development within the Columbia River Basin and contributes to a meaningful harvest in sport and commercial fisheries.
3.1.3 Program addresses ESA responsibilities.	Program complies with Federal ESA-listed fish take authorizations for harvest and hatchery actions. The FMEP has been submitted to NOAA and was revised after the coho listing. Ocean and Columbia River fisheries are covered under section 7 permits.	Hatchery program operation addresses ESA requirements through the development and review of this HGMP. HGMP updated and re-submitted to NOAA with significant changes or under permit agreement.  Compliance with ESA is managed with sport fishery regulations that minimize impacts to ESA-listed fish and are monitored by WDFW law enforcement officers. The FMEP outlines anticipated encounter rates and expected mortality rates for these fisheries.  Natural populations are monitored annually to assess trends and compare with goals.
3.2.1: Fish produced for harvest are propagated and released in a manner enabling effective harvest, as described in all applicable fisheries management plans, while adequately minimizing by-catch of non-target species.	Annual number of fish produced by program caught in all fisheries, including estimates of fish released.	A quality control check is done prior to release to estimate the error rate of mass marking.  The external mark enables mark-selective fisheries, which can reduce directed harvest mortality on natural-origin fish.  Most Ocean and Columbia River mainstem fisheries and all tributary fisheries are mark-selective.  Harvest is regulated to meet appropriate biological assessment criteria. Agencies monitor harvests to provide up-to-date information.  Estimate survival and



		contribution to fisheries for each brood year released.
3.3.1. Artificial propagation program contributes to an increasing number of spawners returning to natural spawning areas.	An annual number of naturally-produced adults and/or redds on the spawning grounds or selected natural production index areas is estimated.	The returns to the hatchery and spawning grounds are monitored and reported annually.
3.3.2 Releases are sufficiently marked to allow statistically significant evaluation of program contribution to natural production, and to evaluate effects of the program on the local natural population.	Percentage of total hatchery releases are identifiable as hatchery-origin fish. Mass-mark (fin-clip, CWT, otolith-mark, other, etc., depending on species) production fish to identify them from naturally produced fish. See also 3.2.1	Annually monitor and report size, number, mass-mark quality (mark rate/tag rate) and date of all hatchery releases by mark type.  Annually sample returning fish for the mass-mark and CWT in fisheries and at the hatchery; monitor and report numbers of estimated hatchery (marked) and natural (unmarked) fish.  Report CWT analysis to RMIS database.
3.4.1 Fish collected for broodstock are taken throughout the return or spawning period in proportions approximating the timing and age distribution of population from which broodstock is taken.	Temporal distribution of broodstock collection at point of collection.	Collect broodstock representatively and systematically throughout the late return (November/December).  Collect annual run timing, age and sex composition and spawning escapement timing data.  Adhere to WDFW spawning guidelines (Seidel 1983; HSRG 2009).
3.5.5 Juveniles are released at fully-smolted stage to benefit juvenile to adult survival rates, and reduce the likelihood for residualism and negative ecological interactions with natural-origin fish.	Level of smoltification (size, appearance, behavior, etc.) at release compared to WDFW rearing and release guidelines.  Release type (forced, volitional, or direct).	Monitor fish condition in the facilities throughout all rearing stages.  Annually monitor and record size, number, and date of release.
3.6.1 The hatchery program uses standard scientific procedures to evaluate various aspects of artificial propagation.	Apply basic monitoring standards in the hatchery: food conversion rates, growth trajectories, mark/tag rate error, weight distribution (CV).	Collect annual run timing, age and sex composition data upon adult return.  Annually record growth rates, mark rate and size at release and release dates.  See also HGMP section 11 for program monitoring and evaluation.
3.8.3 Non-monetary societal benefits for which the program is designed are achieved.	Program is designed to help achieve the end goal of conserving and stabilizing natural salmon populations.	Long-term monitoring of system population will indicate success of program.

### 1.10.2 “Performance Indicators” addressing risks.

**Table 1.10.2.1:** “Performance indicators” addressing risks.

Risks		
Performance Standard	Performance Indicator	Monitoring & Evaluation
3.1.3 Program addresses ESA responsibilities	Program complies with Federal ESA-listed fish take authorizations for harvest and hatchery actions.	<p>HGMP is updated to reflect any major changes in program and resubmitted to NOAA fisheries.</p> <p>Program risks have been addressed in this HGMP through best available science hatchery management actions. Based on modeling, AHA results and current information, this program meets or is expected to meet HRSG and WDFW policy standards.</p> <p>WDFW staff annually reviews Future Brood Document (FBD) for stock, size, number, date and location of releases from all production programs.</p> <p>Monitor and record juvenile hatchery fish size, number, date of release and mass-mark quality; monitor contribution of hatchery adult fish to fisheries and escapement.</p>
3.2.1 Fish produced for harvest are produced and released in a manner enabling effective harvest, as described in all applicable fisheries management plans, while adequately minimizing by-catch of non-target species.	<p>The number of marks released and the proportion of marks in out-migrant juveniles and returning adults on the spawning ground are estimated annually.</p> <p>Production fish are mass-marked (adipose fin-clip) to allow for their differentiation from naturally-produced fish</p>	<p>Production fish are mass-marked (adipose fin-clip) to allow for their differentiation from naturally-produced fish.</p> <p>Monitor and record juvenile hatchery fish size, number, date of release and mass-mark (fin clips, tags, etc.) quality; monitor contribution of hatchery adult fish to fisheries and escapement.</p> <p>Harvest is regulated to meet appropriate biological assessment criteria. Coho fisheries in the Kalama River are mark selective, and require the release of all wild coho.</p> <p>Agencies monitor harvests and hatchery escapements to provide up-to-date information.</p>
3.2.2 Release groups are sufficiently marked in a manner consistent with information needs and protocols to enable determination of impacts to natural- and hatchery-origin fish in fisheries.	Percentage of total hatchery releases are identifiable as hatchery-origin fish. Mass-mark (adipose-fin clip, CWT, otolith-mark, etc., depending on species) produced fish to allow for their differentiation from naturally	<p>Annually monitor and report size, number, date of release and mass-mark quality (adipose fin-clip rate) of all hatchery releases.</p> <p>Annually assess harvest of mass-marked hatchery fish based on CRC estimates and creel surveys.</p>

	produced fish for selective fisheries.	
3.3.2 Releases are sufficiently marked to allow statistically significant evaluation of program contribution to natural production and to evaluate effects of the program on the local natural population.	All hatchery production is identifiable in some manner (fin-marks, tags, otolith, etc.) consistent with information needs.	Annually monitor and record size, number, date of release and mass-mark quality (tag rate) of hatchery releases.  Examine returning fish encountered for the mass-mark (CWT) at the hatchery and on the spawning ground. Annually record numbers of estimated hatchery (marked) and natural (unmarked).
3.4.1 Fish collected for broodstock are taken throughout the return or spawning period in proportions approximating the timing and age distribution of population from which broodstock is taken.	Temporal and age distribution of broodstock collected, compared to that of naturally-produced population at collection point.	Collect annual run timing, age and sex composition and return timing data.
3.5.1 Patterns of genetic variation within and among natural populations do not change significantly as a result of artificial production.	Within and between populations, genetic structure is not affected by artificial production.	See HGMP section 11 for M&E information.
3.5.2 Collection of broodstock does not adversely impact the genetic diversity of the naturally-spawning population.	Total number of natural-origin spawners (if any) reaching the collection facility.  Timing of collection compared to overall run timing.	All on-station hatchery releases are identifiable in some manner (fin-marks, tags, etc.).  Collect annual run timing, origin, and age and sex composition data.  CWT data reported to RMIS.  Examine returning fish for the mass-mark (fin-clips, CWTs) at broodstock collection points and on the spawning grounds. Annually record and report numbers of estimated hatchery (marked) and natural (unmarked).
3.5.4 Juveniles are released on-station, or after sufficient acclimation to maximize homing ability to intended return locations.	Location of release (on-station, acclimation pond, direct plant).  Release type (forced, volitional or direct stream release).  Proportion of adult returns to program's intended return location, compared to fisheries and artificial or natural production areas.	Examine returning fish for the mass-mark (fin-clips, CWTs) at broodstock collection points and on the spawning grounds. Annually record and report numbers of estimated hatchery (marked) and natural (unmarked).  Annually record and report release information, including location, method and age class in hatchery data systems (WDFW Hatcheries Headquarters Database).

3.5.5 Juveniles are released at fully-smolted stage.	Level of smoltification at release. Release type (forced, volitional or direct).	Annually monitor and record size, number, date of release and release type.
3.7.1 Hatchery facilities are operated in compliance with all applicable fish health guidelines and facility operation standards and protocols (IHOT, PNFHPC, <i>Salmonid Disease Control Policy of the Fisheries Co-Managers of Washington State</i> ).	Annual reports indicating levels of compliance with applicable standards and criteria.  Periodic audits indicating level of compliance with applicable standards and criteria.	Pathologists from WDFW's Fish Health Section monitor program monthly. Exams performed at each life stage may include tests for virus, bacteria, parasites and/or pathological changes, as needed. See also <b>Attachment 1</b> for pre-release Fish Health History.  The program is operated consistent with the <i>Salmonid Disease Control Policy of the Fisheries Co-Managers of Washington State</i> (WDFW and WWTIT 1998, updated 2006), <i>Fish Health Policy in the Columbia Basin</i> , and <i>Policies and Procedures for Columbia Basin Anadromous Salmonid Hatcheries</i> (Fish Health Policy Chapter 5, IHOT 1995).
3.7.2 Effluent from hatchery facility will not detrimentally affect natural populations.	Discharge water quality compared to applicable water quality standards by NPDES permit.  WDFW water right permit compliance.	Flow and discharge reported in monthly NPDES reports.
3.7.3 Water withdrawals and in-stream water diversion structures for artificial production facility operation will not prevent access to natural spawning areas, affect spawning behavior of natural populations, or impact juvenile rearing environment.	Water withdrawals compared to NMFS, USFWS and WDFW applicable passage and screening criteria for juveniles and adults.	Barrier and intake structure compliance assessed and needed fixes are prioritized.
3.7.4 Releases do not introduce pathogens not already existing in the local populations, and do not significantly increase the levels of existing pathogens. Follow the <i>Salmonid Disease Control Policy of the Fisheries Co-Managers of Washington State</i> (WDFW and WWTIT 1998, revised 2006).	Necropsies of fish to assess health, nutritional status, and culture conditions.	DFW Fish Health Section inspect adult broodstock yearly for pathogens and monitor juvenile fish on a monthly basis to assess health and detect potential disease problems.  A fish health database will be maintained to identify trends in fish health and disease and implement fish health management plans based on findings.
	Release and/or transfer exams for pathogens and parasites.	Examine fish 1 to 6 weeks prior to transfer or release, in accordance with the <i>Salmonid Disease Control Policy of the Fisheries Co-Managers of</i>

		<i>Washington State</i> (WDFW and WWTIT 1998, updated 2006).
	Inspection of adult broodstock for pathogens and parasites.	At spawning, lots of 60 adult broodstock are examined for pathogens.
	Inspection of off-station fish/eggs prior to transfer to hatchery for pathogens and parasites.	Controls of specific fish pathogens through eggs/fish movements are conducted in accordance to the <i>Salmonid Disease Control Policy of the Fisheries Co-Managers of Washington State</i> (WDFW and WWTIT 1998, updated 2006).
3.7.6 Adult broodstock collection operation does not significantly alter spatial and temporal distribution of any naturally-produced population.	Spatial and temporal spawning distribution of natural populations above and below broodstock collection site is currently compared to historic distribution.	Trap is checked regularly. Non-target and/or ESA listed fish, when encountered, are returned to the river.
3.7.7 Weir/trapping operations do not result in significant stress, injury or mortality in natural populations.	Mortality rates in trap. Pre-spawning mortality rates of captured fish in the hatchery and/or after release.	Traps checked regularly. Annually record and report abundances and observations of natural- origin fish at hatchery facilities.
3.7.8 Predation by artificially produced fish on naturally – produced fish does not significantly reduce numbers of natural fish.	Hatchery juveniles are raised to smolt-size and released from the hatchery at a time that fosters rapid migration downstream.	Hatchery smolt release size and time are monitored to quantify/minimize predation effects on naturally-origin salmon and steelhead (Sharpe et al. 2008).
3.8.1 Cost of program operation does not exceed the net economic value of fisheries in dollars per fish for all fisheries targeting this population.	Total cost of operation.	Compare annual operational cost of program to calculated fishery contribution value (Wegge 2009).
3.8.2. Juvenile production costs are comparable to or less than other regional programs designed for similar objectives.	Total cost of program operation.	Annually monitor and report feed costs and fish health actions.

## 1.11 Expected size of program.

### 1.11.1 Proposed annual broodstock collection level (maximum number of adult fish).

Up to 275 adult pairs, not including jacks, are needed to achieve the established egg-take goal of 750,000 (FBD 2014) for the on-station program. This is based on an average fecundity of around 3,000 smolts/female, and a pre-spawning mortality of 10%.

### **1.11.2 Proposed annual fish release levels (maximum number) by life stage and location.**

**Table 1.11.2.1:** Proposed annual fish release levels (maximum number) by life stage and location, Kalama Type-N coho.

Age Class	Max. No.	Size (fpp)	Release Date	Location	Major Watershed
Yearlings	600,000	17.0	April/May	Kalama River	Kalama Sub-Basin

Source: Future Brood Document 2014.

### **1.12 Current program performance, including estimated smolt-to-adult survival rates, adult production levels, and escapement levels. Indicate the source of these data.**

**Table 1.12.1:** Total releases and hatchery escapement for Type N Coho from Kalama Falls Hatchery, 2002-2013.

Return Year	Total Release	Hatchery Escapement
2002	353,429	4,671
2003	385,125	5,001
2004	342,882	3,608
2005	329,373	1,705
2006	337,235	5,814
2007	353,609	1,907
2008	284,986	5,471
2009	391,338	4,673
2010	638,584	8,049
2011	648,892	4,078
2012	635,846	2,730
2013	705,552	5,343
Average	450,571	4,421

Source: WDFW Hatcheries Headquarters Database 2014.

See also Table 3.3.1.1.

### **1.13 Date program started (years in operation), or is expected to start.**

This facility began operations in 1958.

### **1.14 Expected duration of program.**

Program is on-going, with no plans for termination.

### **1.15 Watersheds targeted by program.**

Kalama River (WRIA 27.0002/ Kalama Sub-basin/ Lower Columbia Province

### **1.16 Indicate alternative actions considered for attaining program goals, and reasons why those actions are not being proposed.**

#### **1.16.1 Brief Overview of Key Issues.**

Type N coho are collected at Fallert Creek Hatchery and Kalama Falls Hatchery, and are released from Kalama Falls Hatchery. Returning adults are not allowed upstream of Kalama Falls.

#### **1.16.2 Potential Alternatives to the Current Program**

*Alternative 1: Eliminate the program:* This action would reduce potential interaction with natural populations and eliminate potential impacts on other ESA-listed species. Currently this program

supports popular sport fisheries in the Lower Columbia and Kalama Rivers, and is consistent with the mitigation requirements.

*Alternative 3: Shift production to only Type-N or Type-S coho.* WDFW does not currently support this alternative. Coho production at Kalama Falls Hatchery encompasses the entire run timing of both stocks.

### **1.16.3 Potential Reforms and Investments**

*Reform/Investment 1: Address passage facilities at Kalama Falls. Fish passage at Kalama Falls is managed by the Kalama Falls fish barrier and fish ladder.* This system is antiquated and needs to be modernized into a sorting, moving, and loading system that will use water in the connivance of adult fish, and cause no harm to wild or hatchery fish. Currently, design work is being conducted to address these issues.

*Reform/Investment 2: Provide adequate space and water.* If the adult transport system incorporates better holding and sorting facilities in the large adult holding/rearing ponds, it will provide additional space and water to the ponds during the rearing cycle. Some investment into the methods and potential efficiencies needs to take place as well.

## **2 SECTION 2. PROGRAM EFFECTS ON NMFS ESA-LISTED SALMONID POPULATIONS. (USFWS ESA-Listed Salmonid Species and Non-Salmonid Species are addressed in Addendum A)**

### **2.1 List all ESA permits or authorizations in hand for the hatchery program.**

None currently. This HGMP is submitted to the NOAA Fisheries for ESA consultation and take prohibition exemption under ESA section 4(d) or 10.

### **2.2 Provide descriptions, status, and projected take actions and levels for NMFS ESA-listed natural populations in the target area.**

#### **2.2.1 Description of NMFS ESA-listed salmonid population(s) affected by the program.**

**- Identify the NMFS ESA-listed population(s) that will be directly affected by the program.**

**Lower Columbia River coho (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*).** Identified as a candidate species on June 25, 1995 (60FR38011). Listed as threatened on June 28, 2005 (70FR37160); reaffirmed threatened by five-year status review, completed August 15, 2011 (76 FR 50448).

**- Identify the NMFS ESA-listed population(s) that may be incidentally affected by the program.**

**Lower Columbia River steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*).** Listed as a threatened species on March 19, 1998 (63FR13347); threatened status reaffirmed on January 5, 2006 (70FR37160); reaffirmed threatened by five-year status review, completed August 15, 2011 (76 FR 50448).

**Lower Columbia River Chinook (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*).** Listed as “threatened” on March 24, 1999 (64FR14308); threatened status reaffirmed on June 28, 2005 (70FR37160); reaffirmed threatened by five-year status review, completed August 15, 2011 (76 FR 50448).

**Columbia River chum salmon (*Oncorhynchus keta*).** Listed as threatened on March 25, 1999 (64FR14507); threatened status reaffirmed on June 28, 2005 (70FR37160); reaffirmed threatened by five-year status review, completed August 15, 2011 (76 FR 50448).

**Kalama River eulachon (*Thaleichthys pacificus*):** The Southern Distinct Population Segment (DPS) of Pacific eulachon was listed as *Threatened* under the ESA on May 17, 2010 (75 FR 13012).

### **2.2.2 Status of NMFS ESA-listed salmonid population(s) affected by the program.**

#### **- Describe the status of the listed natural population(s) relative to “critical” and “viable” population thresholds.**

**Lower Columbia River Chinook:** In Washington, the LCR Chinook ESU includes all naturally spawned Chinook populations from the mouth of the Columbia to a transitional point between Washington and Oregon east of the Hood River and the White Salmon River, as well as fifteen artificial propagation programs. Excluded are Upper Columbia River bright hatchery stocks that spawn in the mainstem Columbia River below Bonneville Dam and in other tributaries upstream from the Sandy River to the Hood and White Salmon rivers (NMFS 2014 79FR20802).

**Status:** Today only two of 32 historical populations – the North Fork Lewis and Sandy late-fall populations – are considered viable. Most populations (26 out of 32) have a very low probability of persistence over the next 100 years, and some populations are extirpated, or nearly so. Five of the six strata fall significantly short of the Willamette- Lower Columbia Technical Recovery Team (WLC TRT) criteria for viability. One stratum – Cascade late fall – meets the WLC TRT criteria (Dornbush and Sihler 2013). Dam construction eliminated habitat for a number of populations leading to the extirpation of spring Chinook salmon populations in the Upper Cowlitz, Cispus, Tilton, North Fork Lewis, Big White Salmon rivers, and fall Chinook populations in the Upper Cowlitz and Big White Salmon rivers (SHIEER, NMFS 2004). Projects to allow access have been initiated in the Cowlitz and Lewis systems but these are not close to producing self-sustaining populations; Condit Dam on the Big White Salmon River was breached October 26, 2011. Based on the 2010 recovery plan analyses, all of the 14 Tule populations (**Table 2.2.2.1**) are considered very high risk except one that is considered at high risk. The modeling conducted in association with Tule harvest management suggests that three of the populations (Coweeman, Lewis and Washougal) are at a somewhat lower risk (LCFRB 2010).



**Table 2.2.2.1:** Baseline viability status, viability and abundance objectives, and productivity improvement targets for lower Columbia River Chinook populations.

Population	Contribution	Baseline viability				Obj.	Prod. target	Abundance		
		A&P	S	D	Net			Historical	Baseline	Target
<b>Coast Fall</b>										
Grays/Chinook	Contributing <sup>2</sup>	VL	H	VL	VL <sup>2</sup>	M+	+500%	800	<50	1,000
Eloch/Skam <sup>c</sup>	Primary	VL	H	L	VL <sup>2</sup>	H	+150%	3,000	<50	1,500
Mill/Aber/Germ	Primary <sup>1</sup>	VL	H	L	VL <sup>2</sup>	H	+155%	2,500	50	900
Youngs Bay (OR)	Stabilizing	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	L	L	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>
Big Creek (OR) <sup>c</sup>	Contributing <sup>1</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	VL	L	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>
Clatskanie (OR)	Primary	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	VL	H	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>
Scappoose (OR)	Primary <sup>1</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	L	H	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>
<b>Cascade Fall</b>										
Lower Cowlitz <sup>c</sup>	Contributing	VL	H	M	VL <sup>2</sup>	M+	+50%	24,000	500	3,000
Upper Cowlitz	Stabilizing	VL	VL	M	VL	VL	--	28,000	0	--
Toutle <sup>c</sup>	Primary <sup>1</sup>	VL	H	M	VL <sup>2</sup>	H+	+265%	11,000	<50	4,000
Coweeman <sup>g</sup>	Primary	VL	H	H	VL <sup>2</sup>	H+	+80%	3,500	100	900
Kalama	Contributing <sup>2</sup>	VL	H	M	VL <sup>2</sup>	M	+110%	2,700	<50	500
Lewis <sup>g</sup>	Primary	VL	H	H	VL <sup>2</sup>	H+	+280%	2,600	<50	1,500
Salmon	Stabilizing	VL	H	M	VL	VL	--	n/a	<50	--
Washougal	Primary	VL	H	M	VL <sup>2</sup>	H+	+190%	2,600	<50	1,200
Clackamas (OR) <sup>c</sup>	Contributing	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	VL	M	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>
Sandy (OR)	Contributing <sup>1</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	VL	M	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>
<b>Cascade L Fall</b>										
Lewis NF <sup>c,g</sup>	Primary	VH	H	H	VH <sup>1</sup>	VH	0%	23,000	7,300	7,300
Sandy (OR) <sup>c,g</sup>	Primary	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	H	VH	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>
<b>Cascade Spring</b>										
Upper Cowlitz <sup>c,g</sup>	Primary	VL	L	M	VL <sup>2</sup>	H+	>500%	22,000	300	1,800
Cispus <sup>c,g</sup>	Primary	VL	L	M	VL <sup>2</sup>	H+	>500%	7,800	150	1,800
Tilton	Stabilizing	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL	0%	5,400	<100	--
Toutle	Contributing	VL	H	L	VL	M	>500%	3,100	100	1,100
Kalama	Contributing <sup>2</sup>	VL	H	L	VL	L	>500%	4,900	100	300
Lewis NF <sup>c</sup>	Primary	VL	L	M	VL	H	>500%	15,700	300	1,500
Sandy (OR) <sup>c,g</sup>	Primary	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	M	H	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>
<b>Gorge Fall</b>										
L. Gorge (WA/OR)	Contributing	VL	M	L	VL <sup>2</sup>	M	>500%	n/a	<50	1,200
U. Gorge (WA/OR) <sup>c</sup>	Contributing <sup>1</sup>	VL	M	L	VL <sup>2</sup>	M	>500%	n/a	<50	1,200
White Salmon <sup>c</sup>	Contributing	VL	L	L	VL	M	>500%	n/a	<50	500
Hood (OR)	Primary <sup>4</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	VL	H	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>
<b>Gorge Spring</b>										
White Salmon <sup>c</sup>	Contributing	VL	VL	VL	VL	L+	>500%	n/a	<50	500
Hood (OR)	Primary	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	VL	VH	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>

Source: LCFRB 2010.

L = Low; M = Moderate; H = High; VH/E = Very High/Extinct.

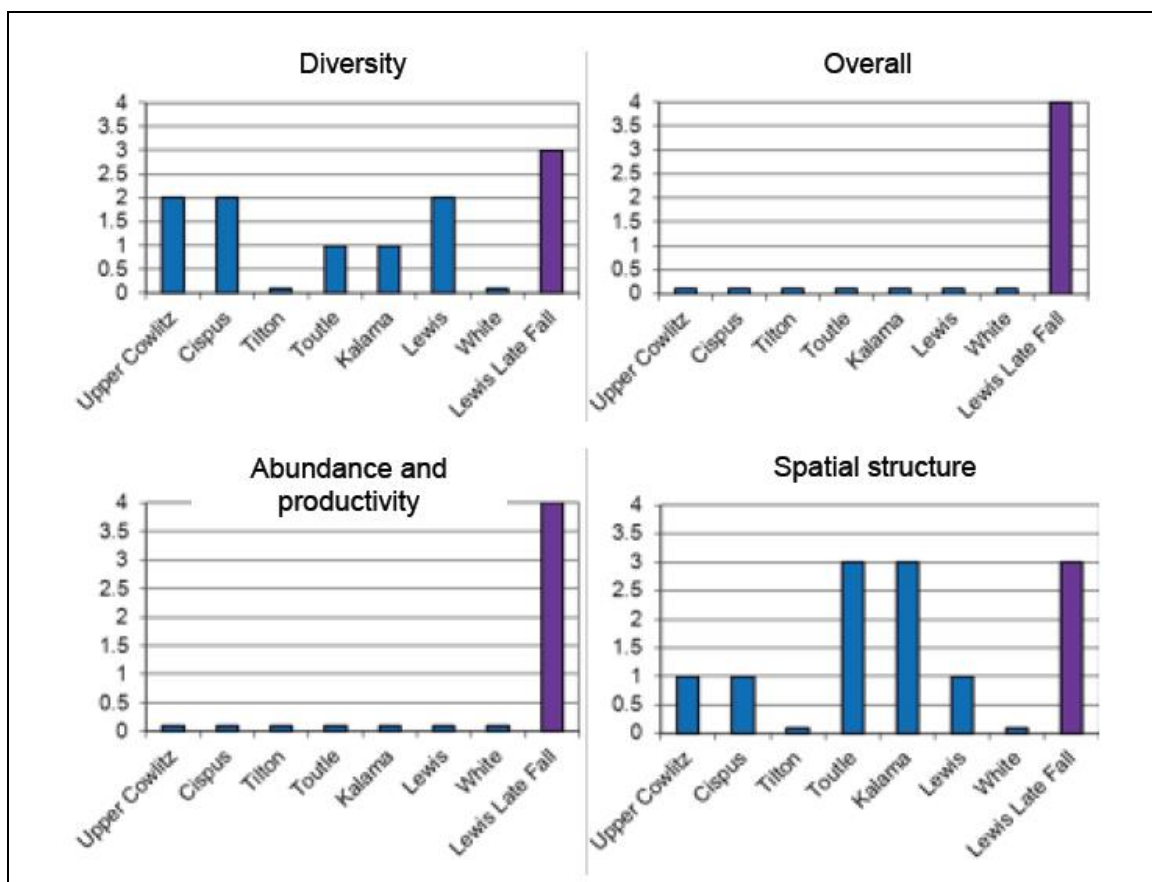
<sup>1</sup> Increase relative to interim Plan.

<sup>2</sup> Reduction relative to interim Plan.

<sup>3</sup> Addressed in Oregon Management Unit plan.

<sup>c</sup> Designated as a historical core population by the TRT.

<sup>g</sup> Designated as a historical legacy population by the TRT.



**Figure 2.2.2.1:** Current status of Washington lower Columbia River spring Chinook and late fall-run (bright) Chinook salmon populations for the VSP parameters and overall population risk. (LCFRB Recovery Plan 2010, chapter 6). A population score of zero indicates a population extirpated or nearly so, a score of 1 is high risk, 2 is moderate risk, 3 is low risk (“viable”) and 4 is very low risk (Ford 2011).

**Lower Columbia River Steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*):** The DPS includes all naturally spawned anadromous *O. mykiss* (steelhead) populations below natural and manmade impassable barriers in streams and tributaries to the Columbia River between the Cowlitz and Wind Rivers, Washington (inclusive), and the Willamette and Hood Rivers, Oregon (inclusive), and excludes fish originating from the upper Willamette River Basin above Willamette Falls. The DPS includes seven artificial propagation programs, including the Cowlitz Trout Hatchery Winter-late (Lower Cowlitz), Kalama River Wild (winter- and summer-run) and Lewis River Wild Winter (NMFS 2014 79FR20802).

**Status:** Today, 16 of the 23 Lower Columbia River steelhead populations have a low or very low probability of persisting over the next 100 years, and six populations have a moderate probability of persistence. Only the summer-run Wind population is considered viable. All four strata in the DPS fall short of the WLC TRT criteria for viability (Dornbush and Sihler 2013). Populations in the upper Lewis and Cowlitz watersheds remain cut-off from access to essential spawning habitat by hydroelectric dams. Projects to allow access have been initiated in the Cowlitz and Lewis systems but these have not yet produced self-sustaining populations (Ford 2011). Condit Dam on the White Salmon River was breached October 26, 2011. WDFW is currently developing watershed-specific management plans in accordance with the SSMP. As part of this planning process, WDFW is proposing to complete a thorough review of current steelhead stock status using the most up to date estimates of adult abundance, juvenile production and genetic information.

**Table 2.2.2.2:** Baseline viability status, viability and abundance objectives, and productivity improvement targets for lower Columbia River steelhead populations.

Population	Contribution	Baseline viability				Obj.	Prod. target	Abundance		
		A&P	S	D	Net			Historical	Baseline	Target
<u>Coast Winter</u>										
Grays/Chinook	Primary	VH	VH	M	M <sup>1</sup>	H	0% <sup>4</sup>	1,600	800	800
Eloch/Skam	Contributing	VH	VH	M	M <sup>1</sup>	M+	0% <sup>4</sup>	1,100	600	600
Mill/Ab/Germ	Primary	H	VH	M	M <sup>1</sup>	H	0% <sup>4</sup>	900	500	500
Youngs Bay (OR)	Primary	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	VH	VH	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>
Big Creek (OR)	Primary	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	H	VH	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>
Clatskanie (OR)	Primary	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	VH	VH	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>
Scappoose (OR)	Primary	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	VH	VH	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>
<u>Cascade Winter</u>										
Lower Cowlitz	Contributing	L	M	M	L	M	+5%	1,400	350	400
Upper Cowlitz <sup>c,G</sup>	Primary	VL	M	M	VL <sup>2</sup>	H <sup>1</sup>	>500%	1,400	<50	500
Cispus <sup>c,G</sup>	Primary	VL	M	M	VL <sup>2</sup>	H <sup>1</sup>	>500%	1,500	<50	500
Tilton	Contributing	VL	M	M	VL	L	>500%	1,700	<50	200
S.F. Toutle	Primary	M	VH	H	M	H+	+35%		350	600
N.F. Toutle <sup>c</sup>	Primary	VL	H	H	VL <sup>2</sup>	H	+125%	3,600	120	600
Coweeman	Primary	L	VH	VH	L <sup>2</sup>	H	+25%	900	350	500
Kalama	Primary	L	VH	H	L <sup>2</sup>	H+	+45%	800	300	600
N.F. Lewis <sup>c</sup>	Contributing	VL	M	M	VL <sup>2</sup>	M	>500%	8,300	150	400
E.F. Lewis	Primary	M	VH	M	M <sup>1</sup>	H	+25%	900	350	500
Salmon	Stabilizing	VL	H	M	VL <sup>2</sup>	VL	0%	na	<50	--
Washougal	Contributing	L	VH	M	L <sup>2</sup>	M	+15%	800	300	350
Clackamas (OR) <sup>c</sup>	Primary	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	M	H	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>
Sandy (OR) <sup>c</sup>	Primary	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	L	VH	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>
<u>Cascade Summer</u>										
Kalama <sup>c</sup>	Primary	H	VH	M	M <sup>1</sup>	H	0% <sup>4</sup>	1,000	500	500
N.F. Lewis	Stabilizing	VL	VL	VL	VL	VL	0%	na	150	--
E.F. Lewis <sup>G</sup>	Primary	VL	VH	M	VL <sup>2</sup>	H	>500%	600	<50	500
Washougal <sup>c,G</sup>	Primary	M	VH	M	M <sup>1</sup>	H	+40%	2,200	400	500
<u>Gorge Winter</u>										
L. Gorge (WA/OR)	Primary	L	VH	M	L <sup>2</sup>	H	+45%	na	200	300
U. Gorge (WA/OR)	Stabilizing	L	M	M	L <sup>2</sup>	L	0%	na	200	--
Hood (OR) <sup>c,G</sup>	Primary	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	M	H	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>
<u>Gorge Summer</u>										
Wind <sup>c</sup>	Primary	VH	VH	H	H <sup>1</sup>	VH	0% <sup>4</sup>	na	1,000	1,000
Hood (OR)	Primary	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	VL	H	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>

Source: LCFRB 2010.

L = Low; M = Moderate; H = High; VH/E = Very High/Extinct.

<sup>1</sup> Increase relative to interim Plan.

<sup>2</sup> Reduction relative to interim Plan.

<sup>3</sup> Addressed in Oregon Management Unit plan.

<sup>4</sup> Improvement increments are based on abundance and productivity; however, this population will require improvement in spatial structure or diversity to meet recovery objectives.

<sup>c</sup> Designated as a historical core population by the TRT.

<sup>g</sup> Designated as a historical legacy population by the TRT.



Coho programs, Fish First Wild Coho and Type-N Coho programs, Syverson Project Type-N Coho Program, and Washougal Hatchery Type-N Coho Program (NMFS 2014 79FR20802).

**Status:** Status evaluations of LCR coho status, all based on WLC-TRT criteria, have been conducted since the last BRT status update in 2005 (McElhany et al. 2007, Beamesderfer et al. 2010, LCFRB 2010, Dornbusch and Sihler 2013). All of these evaluations concluded that the ESU is currently at very high risk of extinction. All of the Washington side populations are considered at very high risk, although uncertainty is high because of a lack of adult spawner surveys. The 2005 BRT evaluation noted that smolt traps indicate some natural production in Washington populations, though given the high fraction of hatchery origin spawners suspected to occur in these populations it is not clear that any are self-sustaining (Ford 2011). Since this time WDFW has implemented an ESU wide monitoring program for LCR coho which began in 2010. Preliminary results indicate that natural origin population abundance may be higher than previously thought for certain populations (WDFW, unpublished). Results from the first 3 years of monitoring should be available in the near future. Currently, 21 of the 24 Lower Columbia River coho salmon populations are considered to have a very low probability of persisting over the next 100 years, and none is considered viable (Dornbusch and Sihler 2013). All three strata in the ESU fall significantly short of the WLC TRT criteria for viability.

**Table 2.2.2.3:** Baseline viability status, viability and abundance objectives, and productivity improvement targets for lower Columbia River coho populations.

Population	Contribution	Baseline viability				Obj.	Prod. target	Abundance		
		A&P	S	D	Net			Historical	Baseline	Target
<b>Coast</b>										
Grays/Chinook <sup>L</sup>	Primary	VL	H	VL	VL <sup>2</sup>	H	+370%	3,800	<50	2,400
Eloch/Skam <sup>L</sup>	Primary	VL	H	VL	VL <sup>2</sup>	H	+170%	6,500	<50	2,400
Mill/Ab/Germ <sup>L</sup>	Contributing	VL	H	L	VL <sup>2</sup>	M	>500%	2,800	<50	1,800
Youngs (OR) <sup>L</sup>	Stabilizing	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	VL	VL	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>
Big Creek (OR) <sup>L</sup>	Stabilizing <sup>2</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	VL	VL	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>
Clatskanie (OR) <sup>L</sup>	Primary <sup>1</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	L	VH	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>
Scappoose (OR) <sup>L</sup>	Primary	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	M	VH	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>
<b>Cascade</b>										
Lower Cowlitz <sup>L</sup>	Primary	VL	M	M	VL <sup>2</sup>	H	+100%	18,000	500	3,700
Upper Cowlitz <sup>E, L</sup>	Primary <sup>1</sup>	VL	M	L	VL	H <sup>1</sup>	>500%	18,000	<50	2,000
Cispus <sup>E, L</sup>	Primary <sup>1</sup>	VL	M	L	VL	H <sup>1</sup>	>500%	8,000	<50	2,000
Tilton <sup>E, L</sup>	Stabilizing <sup>2</sup>	VL	M	L	VL	VL <sup>2</sup>	0%	5,600	<50	--
Toutle SF <sup>E, L</sup>	Primary	VL	H	M	VL <sup>2</sup>	H	+180%	27,000	<50	1,900
Toutle NF <sup>E, L</sup>	Primary	VL	M	L	VL <sup>2</sup>	H	+180%		<50	1,900
Coweeman <sup>L</sup>	Primary	VL	H	M	VL <sup>2</sup>	H	+170%	5,000	<50	1,200
Kalama <sup>L</sup>	Contributing	VL	H	L	VL <sup>2</sup>	L	>500%	800	<50	500
NF Lewis <sup>E, L</sup>	Contributing	VL	L	L	VL <sup>2</sup>	L	+50%	40,000	200	500
EF Lewis <sup>E, L</sup>	Primary	VL	H	M	VL <sup>2</sup>	H	>500%	3,000	<50	2,000
Salmon <sup>L</sup>	Stabilizing	VL	M	VL	VL	VL	0%	na	<50	--
Washougal <sup>L</sup>	Contributing	VL	H	L	VL <sup>2</sup>	M+	>500%	3,000	<50	1,500
Clackamas (OR) <sup>E, L</sup>	Primary	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	M	VH	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>
Sandy (OR) <sup>E, L</sup>	Primary	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	VL	H	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>
<b>Gorge</b>										
L Gorge (WA/OR) <sup>L</sup>	Primary	VL	M	VL	VL <sup>2</sup>	H	+400%	na	<50	1,900
U Gorge (WA) <sup>L</sup>	Primary <sup>1</sup>	VL	M	VL	VL <sup>2</sup>	H	+400%	na	<50	1,900
U Gorge/Hood (OR) <sup>E</sup>	Contributing <sup>4</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	VL	H	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>

Source: LCFRB 2010.

L = Low; M = Moderate; H = High; VH/E = Very High/Extinct.

<sup>1</sup> Increase relative to interim Plan.

<sup>2</sup> Reduction relative to interim Plan.

<sup>3</sup> Addressed in Oregon Management Unit plan.

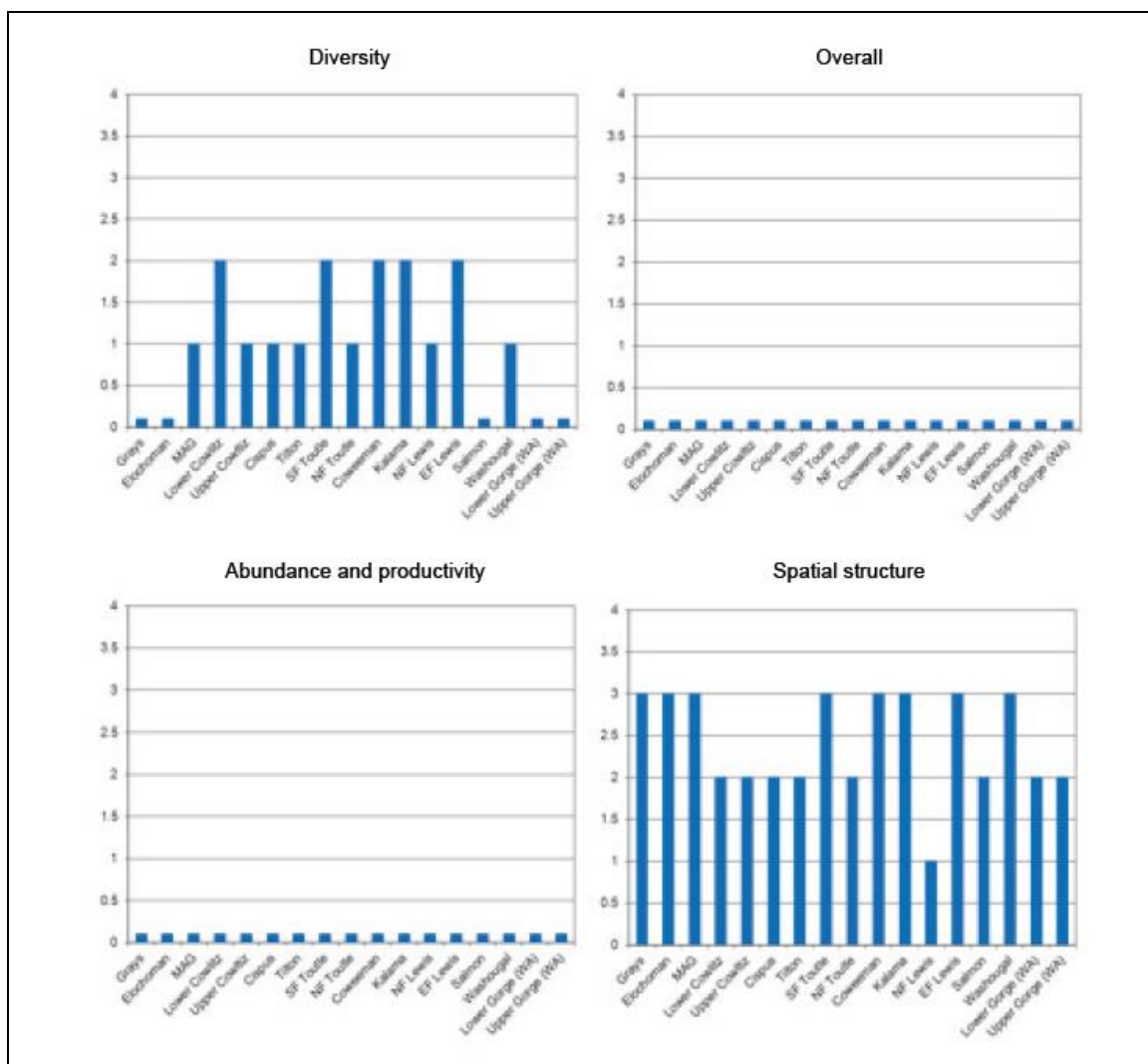
<sup>4</sup> Improvement increments are based on abundance and productivity; however, this population will require improvement in spatial structure or diversity to meet recovery objectives.

<sup>E</sup> Early run (Type S) coho stock.

<sup>L</sup> Late run (Type N) coho stock.

(Core and Legacy populations not designated by the TRT for coho).





**Figure 2.2.2.3:** Current status of Washington LCR coho populations for the VSP parameters and overall population risk. (LCFRB 2010 recovery plan, chapter 6). A population score of zero indicates a population extirpated or nearly so, a score of 1 is high risk, 2 is moderate risk, 3 is low risk (“viable”) and 4 is very low risk (Ford 2011).

**Columbia River chum salmon (*Oncorhynchus keta*).** ESU includes all naturally spawned populations of chum salmon in the Columbia River and its tributaries in Washington and Oregon, as well as artificial propagation programs at Grays River and Washougal River/Duncan Creek chum hatchery programs (NMFS 2014 79FR20802).

**Status:** The LCFRB completed a revision recovery plan in 2010 that includes Washington populations of Columbia River chum salmon. This plan includes an assessment of the current status of Columbia River chum populations, which relied and built on the viability criteria developed by the WLC-TRT (McElhany et al. 2006) and an earlier evaluation of Oregon WLC populations (McElhany et al. 2007). This evaluation assessed the status of populations with regard to the VSP parameters of A/P, spatial structure, and diversity (McElhany et al. 2000). The result of this analysis is shown in Figure 2.2.2.3. The analysis indicates that all of the Washington populations with two exceptions are in the overall very high risk category (also described as extirpated or nearly so). The Grays River population was considered to be at moderate risk and the Lower Gorge population to be at low risk. The very high risk status assigned to the majority of Washington populations (and all the Oregon populations) reflects the very low abundance observed in these populations (e.g., <10 fish/year) (Ford 2011). Today, 15 of the 17 populations

that historically made up this ESU are so depleted that either their baseline probability of persistence is very low or they are extirpated or nearly so; this is the case for all six of the Oregon populations. Currently almost all natural production occurs in just two populations: Grays/Chinook and the Lower Gorge. All three strata in the ESU fall significantly short of the WLC TRT criteria for viability (Dornbush and Sihler 2013).

**Table 2.2.2.4:** Baseline viability status, viability and abundance objectives, and productivity improvement targets for lower Columbia River chum populations.

Population	Contribution	Baseline viability				Obj.	Prod. target	Abundance		
		A&P	S	D	Net			Historical	Baseline	Target
<b><u>Coast</u></b>										
Grays/Chinook <sup>C,G</sup>	Primary	VH	M	H	M <sup>1</sup>	VH	0% <sup>4</sup>	10,000	1,600	1,600
Eloch/Skam <sup>C</sup>	Primary	VL	H	L	VL <sup>2</sup>	H	>500%	16,000	<200	1,300
Mill/Ab/Germ	Primary	VL	H	L	VL	H	>500%	7,000	<100	1,300
Youngs (OR) <sup>C</sup>	Stabilizing <sup>2</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	VL	VL	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>
Big Creek (OR) <sup>C</sup>	Stabilizing <sup>2</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	VL	VL	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>
Clatskanie (OR)	Primary <sup>1</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	VL	H	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>
Scappoose (OR)	Primary <sup>1</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	VL	H	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>
<b><u>Cascade</u></b>										
Cowlitz (Fall) <sup>C</sup>	Contributing	VL	H	L	VL	M	>500%	195,000	<300	900
Cowlitz (Summer) <sup>C</sup>	Contributing	VL	L	L	VL	M	>500%	n/a	n/a	900
Kalama	Contributing	VL	H	L	VL	M	>500%	20,000	<100	900
Lewis <sup>C</sup>	Primary	VL	H	L	VL	H	>500%	125,000	<100	1,300
Salmon	Stabilizing	VL	L	L	VL	VL	0%	n/a	<100	--
Washougal	Primary	VL	H	L	VL <sup>2</sup>	H+	>500%	18,000	<100	1,300
Clackamas (OR) <sup>C</sup>	Contributing	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	VL	M	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>
Sandy (OR)	Primary	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	VL	H	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>	-- <sup>3</sup>
<b><u>Gorge</u></b>										
L. Gorge (WA/OR) <sup>C,G</sup>	Primary	VH	H	VH	H <sup>1</sup>	VH	0% <sup>4</sup>	6,000	2,000	2,000
U. Gorge (WA/OR)	Contributing	VL	L	L	VL	M	>500%	11,000	<50	900

Source: LCFRB 2010.

L = Low; M = Moderate; H = High; VH/E = Very High/Extinct.

<sup>5</sup> Increase relative to interim Plan.

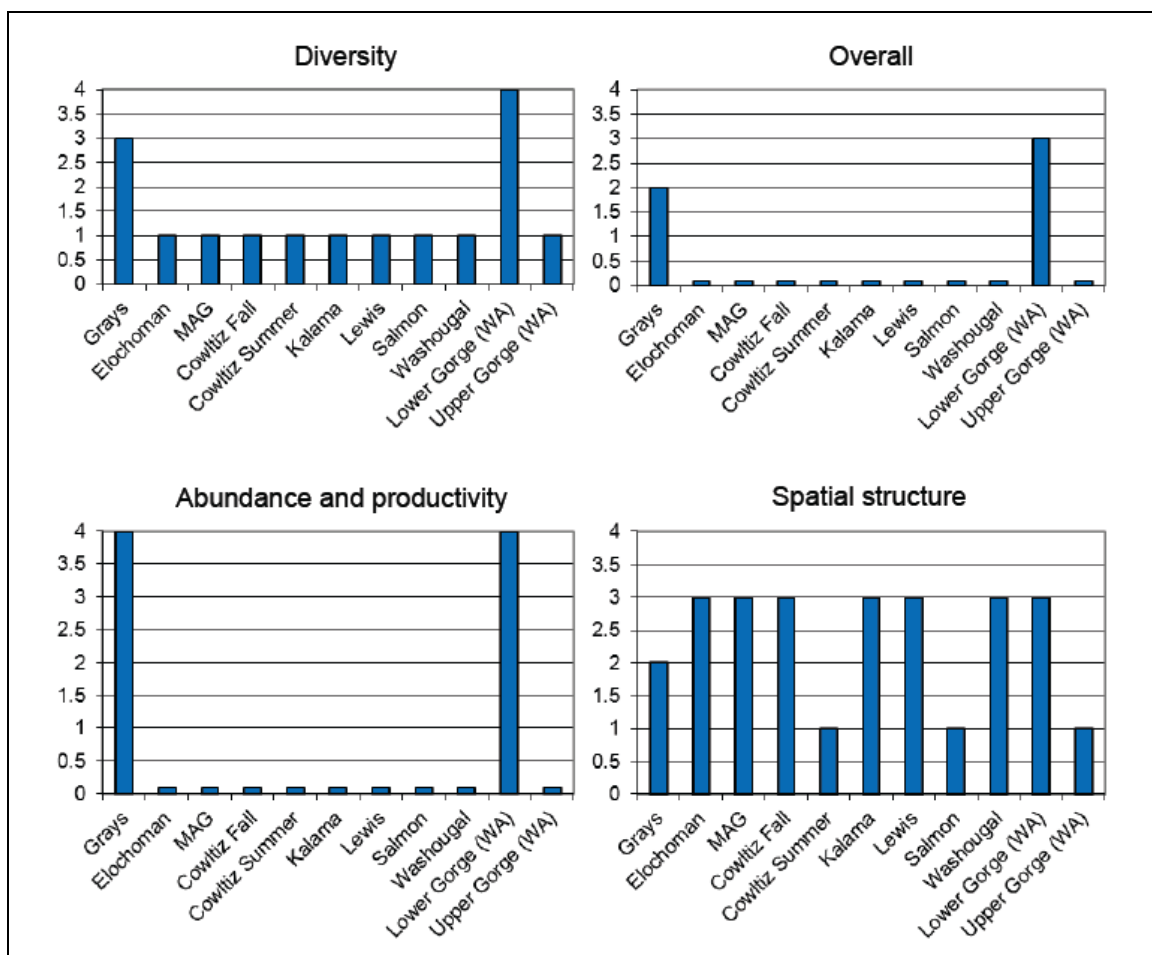
<sup>6</sup> Reduction relative to interim Plan.

<sup>7</sup> Addressed in Oregon Management Unit plan.

<sup>8</sup> Improvement increments are based on abundance and productivity; however, this population will require improvement in spatial structure or diversity to meet recovery objectives.

<sup>C</sup> Designated as a historical core population by the TRT.

<sup>G</sup> Designated as a historical legacy population by the TRT.



**Figure 2.2.2.4:** Current status of Washington CR chum populations for the VSP parameters and overall population risk. (LCFRB 2010 Recovery Plan, Chapter 6). A population score of zero indicates a population extirpated or nearly so, a score of 1 is high risk, 2 is moderate risk, 3 is low risk (“viable”) and 4 is very low risk (Ford 2011).

**Kalama River eulachon (*Thaleichthys pacificus*):** The Southern Distinct Population Segment (DPS) of Pacific eulachon was listed as *Threatened* under the ESA on May 17, 2010 (75 FR 13012).

**Status:** The lower Columbia River and its tributaries support the largest known spawning run of eulachon. The main stem of the lower Columbia River provides spawning and incubation sites, and major tributaries in Washington State that have supported runs in the past include the Grays, Elochoman, Cowlitz, Kalama and Lewis Rivers. Eulachon spawn in the Kalama River up to the confluence with Indian Creek and spawning has been confirmed as recently as 2011. The current abundance of eulachon is low and is declining in all surveyed populations throughout the DPS. The major threats and continued causes for declines in eulachon populations include climate change and its impacts on both ocean conditions and freshwater habitat, by-catch in commercial fisheries, dams and water diversions, degraded water quality, dredging and predation (NMFS 2011).

**- Provide the most recent 12 year (e.g. 1988-present) progeny-to-parent ratios, survival data by life-stage, or other measures of productivity for the listed population.**

Not available for most species. See HGMP section 11.1 for planned M&E. Juvenile coho production estimates is the one measure of production in the Lower Columbia system.



**Table 2.2.2.5:** Lower Columbia River Washington tributary coho smolt production estimates, 1997-2009 (WDFW, Region 5).

Year	Cedar Creek	Mill Creek	Abernathy Creek	Germany Creek	Cowlitz Falls Dam	Mayfield Dam
1997	-----	-----	-----	-----	3,700	700
1998	38,400	-----	-----	-----	110,000	16,700
1999	28,000	-----	-----	-----	15,100	9,700
2000	20,300	-----	-----	-----	106,900	23,500
2001	24,200	6,300	6,500	8,200	334,700	82,200
2002	35,000	8,200	5,400	4,300	166,800	11,900
2003	36,700	10,500	9,600	6,200	403,600	38,900
2004	37,000	5,700	6,400	5,100	396,200	36,100
2005	58,300	11,400	9,000	4,900	766,100	40,900
2006	46,000	6,700	4,400	2,300	370,000	33,600
2007	29,300	7,000	3,300	2,300	277,400	34,200
2008	36,340	90,97	5,077	3,976	-----	38,917
2009	61,140	62,83	3,761	2,576	-----	29,718
2010	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	49,171
2011	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	43,831

Source: LCR FMEP Annual Report 2010 and WDFW Data 2012.

**- Provide the most recent 12 year annual spawning abundance estimates, or any other abundance information. Indicate the source of these data.**

**Table 2.2.2.6:** Spring Chinook salmon total spawner abundance estimates in LCR tributaries, 2000-2012.

Year	Cowlitz	Kalama	Lewis
2000	266	34	523
2001	347	578	754
2002	419	898	498
2003	1,953	790	745
2004	1,877	358	529
2005	405	380	122
2006	783	292	857
2007	74	2,150	264
2008	425	364	40
2009	763	34	80
2010	711	0	160
2011	1,359	26	120
2012	1,359	28	200

Source: Joe Hymer, WDFW Annual Database 2012

**Table 2.2.2.7:** Fall Chinook salmon total spawner abundance estimates in LCR tributaries, 2000-2011<sup>a</sup>.

Year	Elochoman River	Coweman River <sup>a</sup>	Grays River	Skamokawa Creek	Cowlitz River	Green River (Toultle)	SF Toultle River	Kalama River	EF Lewis River	NF Lewis River	Washougal River
2000	884	424	80	482	2,100	1,580	204	3,877	391	6,504	2,757
2001	230	251	104	3	1,979	1,081	102	3,451	245	4,281	1,704
2002	332	566	390	7	3,038	5,654	216	10,560	441	5,518	2,728
2003	2,204	753	149	529	2,968	2,985	327	9,272	607	11,519	2,678
2004	4,796	1,590	745	2,109	4,621	4,188	618	6,680	918	13,987	10,597
2005	6,820	1,090	387	588	10,329	13,846	140	24,782	727	18,913	3,444
2006	7,581	900	82	372	14,427	7,477	450	18,952	1,375	17,106	6,050
2007	194	140	99	36	2,724	961	30	1,521	308	10,934	2,143
2008	782	95	311	253	1,334	824	45	2,617	236	4,268	3,182
2009	231	147	93	139	2,156	1,302	66	4,356	110	6,112	2,995
2010	1,883	1,330	12	268	2,762	605	NE	3,576	314	8,908	4,529
2011	508	2,148	353	41	1,616	668	NE	10,639	334	14,033	2,961

Source: Ron Roler, WDFW Natural Spawn Progress Reports 2012.

\* Estimates of total adult and jack fall Chinook. May include fish put upstream of hatchery weirs.

**Table 2.2.2.8:** Wild winter steelhead escapement estimates for select SW Washington DPS populations, current WDFW escapement goals and LCSR abundance targets.

Location	Grays River	Elochoman/ Skamokawa	Mill/Abernathy/ Germany
<b>WDFW Escapement Goal</b>	<b>1,486</b>	<b>853</b>	<b>508</b>
<b>LCSR Abundance Target</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>500</b>
2000	1,064	650	380
2001	1,130	656	458
2002	724	370	354
2003	1,200	668	342
2004	1,132	768	446
2005	396	376	274
2006	718	632	398
2007	724	490	376
2008	764	666	528
2009	568	222	396
2010	422	534	398
2011	318	442	270
3-year average	436	399	355
5-year average	559	471	394
10-year average	697	517	378

Source: WDFW Data 2012

**Table 2.2.2.9:** Wild winter steelhead escapement estimates for select SW Washington DPS populations, current WDFW escapement goals and LCSRП abundance targets.

Location	Coweeman	SF Toutle	NF Toutle/ Green	Kalama	EF Lewis	Washougal
<b>WDFW Escapement Goal</b>	<b>1,064</b>	<b>1,058</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>1,243</b>	<b>520</b>
<b>LCSRП Abundance Target</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>350</b>
<b>2000</b>	530	490	----	921	NA	NA
<b>2001</b>	384	348	----	1,042	377	216
<b>2002</b>	298	640	----	1,495	292	286
<b>2003</b>	460	1,510	----	1,815	532	764
<b>2004</b>	722	1,212	----	2,400	1,298	1,114
<b>2005</b>	370	520	388	1,856	246	320
<b>2006</b>	372	656	892	1,724	458	524
<b>2007</b>	384	548	565	1,050	448	632
<b>2008</b>	722	412	650	776	548	732
<b>2009</b>	602	498	699	1,044	688	418
<b>2010</b>	528	274	508	961	336	232
<b>2011</b>	408	210	416	622	308	204
<b>3-year average</b>	<b>513</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>876</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>285</b>
<b>5-year average</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>891</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>444</b>
<b>10-year average</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>*588</b>	<b>1,374</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>523</b>

Source: WDFW Data 2012.

\* 7-year average for NF Toutle/Green.

**Table 2.2.2.10:** Wild summer steelhead population estimates for LCR populations from 2001 to 2011, current WDFW escapement goals, and LCSRП abundance targets.

Location	Kalama	EF Lewis	Washougal	Wind
<b>WDFW Escapement Goal</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>1,557</b>
<b>LCSRП Abundance Target</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>1,000</b>
<b>2001</b>	286	271	184	457
<b>2002</b>	454	440	404	680
<b>2003</b>	817	910	607	1,096
<b>2004</b>	632	425	NA	861
<b>2005</b>	400	673	608	587
<b>2006</b>	387	560	636	632
<b>2007</b>	361	412	681	737
<b>2008</b>	237	365	755	614
<b>2009</b>	308	800	433	580
<b>2010</b>	370	602	787	788
<b>2011</b>	534	1,084*	956*	1,468
<b>3-year average</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>829</b>	<b>725</b>	<b>945</b>
<b>5-year average</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>653</b>	<b>722</b>	<b>837</b>
<b>10-year average</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>627</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>804</b>

Source: WDFW Data 2012.

\* Preliminary estimates.

**Table 2.2.2.11: Population estimates of chum salmon in the Columbia River.**

Location	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010 <sup>a</sup>	2011 <sup>a</sup>
Crazy Johnson Creek	---	---	966	1,471	3,639	759	1,034	981	677	2,374
WF Grays River	---	---	9,015	1,324	1,232	1,909	800	994	1,967	7,002
Mainstem Grays River	---	---	4,872	1,400	1,244	1,164	886	750	3,467	1,848
I-205 area	3,468	2,844	2,102	1,009	862	544	626	1,132	2,105	4,947
Multnomah area	1,267	1,130	665	211	313	115	28	102	427	641
St Cloud area	---	137	104	92	173	9	1	14	99	509
Horsetail area	---	---	106	40	63	17	33	6	45	183
Ives area <sup>b</sup>	4,466	1,942	363	263	387	145	168	141	214	162
Duncan Creek <sup>c</sup>	13	16	2	7	42	9	2	26	48	85
Hardy Creek	343	392	49	73	104	14	3	39	137	173
Hamilton Creek	1,000	500	222	174	246	79	114	115	247	517
Hamilton Spring Channel	794	363	346	84	236	44	109	91	187	324
Grays return <sup>d</sup>	12,041	16,974	15,157	4,327	6,232	3,966	2,807	2,833	6,399	11,518
I-205 to Bonneville return	11,351	7,324	3,959	1,953	2,426	976	1,084	1,666	3,509	7,541
Lower Columbia River Total	23,392	24,298	19,116	6,280	8,658	4,942	3,891	4,499	9,908	19,059

Source: Todd Hillson - WDFW Chum Program 2012

<sup>a</sup> Data for 2010 and 2011 is preliminary.

<sup>b</sup> Ives area counts are the carcass tagging estimate plus fish removed for broodstock, except for 2007 and 2008, which is area under the curve.

<sup>c</sup> Totals for Duncan Creek do not include broodstock brought in from mainstem spawning areas, adult trap catch or surveys below monitoring weirs only..

<sup>d</sup> Grays return totals include natural spawners and removed for broodstock.

**- Provide the most recent 12 year (e.g. 1988-1999) estimates of annual proportions of direct hatchery-origin and listed natural-origin fish on natural spawning grounds, if known.**

The proportion of hatchery-origin spawners (pHOS) should be less than 30% of the naturally spawning population for this integrated program per HSRG guidelines (2009). See **Table 6.2.3.1** for the annually reported values. See HGMP section 11.1 for planned M&E.

**2.2.3 Describe hatchery activities, including associated monitoring and evaluation and research programs, that may lead to the take of NMFS listed fish in the target area, and provide estimated annual levels of take.**

**- Describe hatchery activities that may lead to the take of listed salmonid populations in the target area, including how, where, and when the takes may occur, the risk potential for their occurrence, and the likely effects of the take.**

**Broodstock Program:**

*Broodstock Collection:* Type N coho begin entering the Kalama Falls trap in late-October, and continue through early-January. Spawning dates are spread over three weeks in December. From 1998-2004, only hatchery adults were used in the broodstock; natural fish (adipose fins intact) have been released back to stream.

*Genetic introgression:* All Type-N coho adults recruited for broodstock have been from Kalama River returns since 2001.

Egg-takes are representative of adult arriving throughout the run and the current collection protocol preserves the range timing of the historical coho stock in the system. Most natural spawners in the system are composites and representative of the Lower Columbia coho (SaSI 2002). There are no known genotypic, phenotypic, or behavioral differences between either the hatchery stock or natural stock in the sub-basin. Straying rates are unknown. Indirect take from genetic introgression is unknown.

### **Rearing Program:**

*Operation of Hatchery Facilities:* Facility operation impacts include water withdrawal, effluent, and intake compliance. Effluent at outfall areas is rapidly diluted with mainstem flows and operation is within permitted NPDES guidelines (see HGMP sections 4.1 and 4.2). Indirect take from this operation is unknown.

*Disease:* Over the years, rearing densities, disease prevention and fish health monitoring have greatly improved the health of the hatchery programs. *Policies and Procedures for Columbia Basin Anadromous Salmonid Hatcheries*-Chapter 5 (IHOT 1995) have been instrumental in reducing disease outbreaks. Although pathogens occur in the wild and fish might be affected, they are believed to go undetected with predation quickly removing those fish.

In addition, although pathogens may cause post release mortality in fish from hatcheries, there is little evidence that hatchery origin fish routinely infect natural populations of salmon and steelhead in the Pacific Northwest (Enhancement Planning Team 1986 and Steward and Bjornn 1990). Prior to release, the hatchery population health and condition is established by the Area Fish Health Specialist. This is commonly done one to three weeks pre-release, and up to six weeks on systems with pathogen-free water and little or no history of disease. Indirect take from disease is unknown.

### **Release:**

*Hatchery Production/Density-Dependent Effects:* Hatcheries can release numbers of fish that can exceed the density of the natural productivity in a limited area for a short period of time and can compete with listed fish. Fish are released as active smolts that will emigrate in order to minimize the effect of the release. Indirect take from density dependent effects is unknown.

*Potential Kalama Falls Hatchery Type-N coho predation and competition effects on listed salmonids and eulachon:* The proposed annual production goal for this program is 600,000 yearlings. Coho are released at 15 fpp (146 mm fl). Due to size differences between coho smolts and fingerling listed stocks, competition is unlikely with different prey items and habitat preferences.

**Table 2.2.3.1:** Peak migration timing and average fork length (mm) of out-migrant juvenile Chinook, coho and steelhead captured in rotary screw traps on Mill, Germany and Abernathy creek, Lower Columbia River, 2008.

Stream	Chinook		Coho		Steelhead	
	Avg Size (mm)	Peak Migration	Avg Size (mm)	Peak Migration	Avg Size (mm)	Peak Migration
Mill Cr	37.0	Mar 10-Apr 13	104.2	Mar 17-23	154.5	Apr 28-May 4
Germany Cr	39.8	Mar 17-23	115.3	May 19-25	177.8	May 12-18
Abernathy Cr	37.9	Mar 31 – Apr 6	112.1	May 19-25	163.8	May 12-18

Source: Kinsel et al 2009.

Both juvenile and adult salmonids have been documented to feed on eulachon (Gustafson et al. 2010). Predation of eulachon by steelhead reared in this program may occur, however it is unknown to what degree such predation may occur.

*Residualism:* To maximize smolting characteristics and minimize residualism, WDFW adheres to a combination of acclimation, volitional release strategies, size, and time guidelines.

- Condition factors, standard deviation and co-efficient of variation (CV) are measured throughout the rearing cycle and at release.
- Feeding rates and regimes throughout the rearing cycle are programmed to satiation feeding to minimize out-of-size fish and programmed to produce smolt size fish at date of release.
- Based on past history, fish have reached a size and condition that indicates a smolted condition at release.

- Releases occur within known time periods of species emigration from acclimated ponds.
- Releases from these ponds are volitional with large proportions of the populations moving out initially with the remainder of the population vacating within days or a few weeks.
- Minimal residualism from WDFW coho programs following these guidelines has been indicated from snorkeling studies on the Elochoman River (Fuss et al. 2000) and on Nemah and Forks Creek (Riley et al. 2004). In extensive surveys conducted on the Lewis River, Hawkins and Tipping (1999) found no residualized hatchery spring Chinook. Indirect take from residualism is unknown.

**Monitoring:** *Associated monitoring Activities:* WDFW has implemented an expanded monitoring program for Chinook, coho, chum and steelhead populations in the Lower Columbia River (LCR) region of Southwest Washington (WDFW's Region 5) and fishery monitoring in the lower mainstem of the Columbia River. The focus of this expanded monitoring is to 1) gather data on Viable Salmonid Population (VSP) parameters – spawner abundance, including proportion of hatchery-origin spawners (pHOS), spatial distribution, diversity, and productivity, 2) to increase the coded wire tag (CWT) recovery rate from spawning grounds to meet regional standards, and 3) to evaluate the use of PIT tags to develop harvest rates for salmon and steelhead populations. Additionally, key watersheds are monitored for juvenile salmonid out-migrant abundance. Coupled with adult abundance information, these data sets allow for evaluation of freshwater productivity and development of biological reference points, such as seeding capacity. Monitoring protocols and analysis methods utilized are intended to produce unbiased estimates with measurements of precision in an effort to meet NOAA monitoring guidelines (Crawford and Rumsey 2009).

**- Provide information regarding past takes associated with the hatchery program, (if known) including numbers taken, and observed injury or mortality levels for listed fish.**

**Table 2.2.3.2:** Disposition of unmarked (no adipose fin-clip) coho returning to Kalama Falls Hatchery.

Brood Year	Mortality	Spawned
2002	0	0
2003	0	0
2004	0	0
2005	0	24
2006	1	62
2007	1	8
2008	2	23
2009	26	18
2010	9	70
2011	4	152
2012	18	68
2013	26	197

Source: WDFW Annual Escapement Reports.

<sup>a</sup> Released upstream of the hatchery.

<sup>b</sup> Released downstream of the hatchery.

**- Provide projected annual take levels for listed fish by life stage (juvenile and adult) quantified (to the extent feasible) by the type of take resulting from the hatchery program (e.g. capture, handling, tagging, injury, or lethal take).**

See “take” tables at the end of this HGMP.

**- Indicate contingency plans for addressing situations where take levels within a given year have exceeded, or are projected to exceed, take levels described in this plan for the program.**

No situations are expected to occur where take would exceed ESA limits. If significant numbers of wild salmonids are observed impacted by this operation, then staff would inform the WDFW District Biologist, Fish Health Specialist or Area Habitat Biologist who, along with the Hatchery Complex Manager, would determine an appropriate plan and consult with NOAA-NMFS for adaptive management review and protocols.

Handling and release of wild coho in broodstock trapping operations is monitored and take observations have been rare. Any additional mortality from this operation on a yearly basis would be communicated to Fish program staff for additional guidance.

### **3 SECTION 3. RELATIONSHIP OF PROGRAM TO OTHER MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES**

#### **3.1 Describe alignment of the hatchery program with any ESU-wide hatchery plan (e.g. Hood Canal Summer Chum Conservation Initiative) or other regionally accepted policies (e.g. the NPPC Annual Production Review Report and Recommendations - NPPC document 99-15). Explain any proposed deviations from the plan or policies.**

WDFW has several policies/plans that help inform management decisions regarding the HGMPs currently under review. These policies include:

1. Hatchery and Fishery Reform Policy (Commission Policy C3619)
2. The Conservation and Sustainable Fisheries Plan (draft)
3. The Hatchery Action Implementation Plans (HAIP)
4. Lower Columbia Salmon Recovery Plan (LCSRP)

Descriptions of these policies and excerpts are shown below:

#### **Policies/Plans – Key Excerpts**

*Hatchery and Fishery Reform Policy: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Commission Policy C-3619.* WDFW adopted the Hatchery and Fishery Reform Policy C-3619 in 2009. Its purpose is to advance the conservation and recovery of wild salmon and steelhead by promoting and guiding the implementation of hatchery reform. The intent of hatchery reform is to improve hatchery effectiveness, ensure compatibility between hatchery production and salmon recovery plans and rebuilding programs, and support sustainable fisheries. WDFW Policy C-3619 works to promote the conservation and recovery of wild salmon and steelhead and provide fishery-related benefits by establishing clear goals for each state hatchery, conducting scientifically defensible operations, and using informed decision making to improve management. It is recognized that many state operated hatcheries are subject to provisions under *U.S. v Washington* (1974) and *U.S. v Oregon* and that hatchery reform actions must be done in close coordination with tribal co-managers. [Washington Fish and Wildlife Commission Policy: POL-C3619.](#)

Guidelines from the policy include:

1. Use the principles, standards, and recommendations of the Hatchery Scientific Review Group (HSRG) to guide the management of hatcheries operated by the Department.

2. Develop watershed-specific action plans that systematically implement hatchery reform as part of a comprehensive, integrated (All-H) strategy for meeting conservation and harvest goals at the watershed and Evolutionarily Significant Unit (ESU)/Distinct Population Segment (DPS) levels. Action Plans will include development of stock (watershed) specific population designations and application of HSRG broodstock management standards.

*Conservation and Sustainable Fisheries Plan (CSFP):* The CSFP is a draft plan that has been developed to meet WDFW's responsibilities outlined in the Lower Columbia Salmon Recovery Plan (LCSRP) and address the HSRG suggested solutions and achieve HSRG standards for primary, contributing and stabilizing populations. The plan describes the implementation of changes to hatchery and harvest programs and how they assist in recovery and achieve HSRG guidelines. The draft plan also identifies Viable Salmonid Population (VSP) parameters that will be addressed.

*Hatchery Action Implementation Plans (HAIP):* The HAIPs illustrate how WDFW is implementing hatchery programs to incorporate the HSRG guidelines. The plans provide the current programs and explain the future goals.

*Lower Columbia Salmon Recovery Plan (LCSRP):* Some sub-basins will be free of hatchery influence and hatchery programs. In other sub-basins, hatchery programs will serve specific conservation and harvest purposes consistent with goals for naturally-spawning populations. The mosaic of programs is designed to ensure that overall each DPS will be naturally self-sustaining.

#### **Strategies:**

1. Reconfigure production-based hatchery programs to minimize impacts on natural populations and complement recovery objectives.
2. Adaptively manage hatcheries to respond to future knowledge, enhance natural production, and improve operational efficiencies.

*Mitchell Act:* This program receives Mitchell Act Funding. Initially passed in 1938, the Mitchell Act is intended to help rebuild and conserve the fish runs, and mitigate the impacts to fish from water diversions, dams on the mainstem of the Columbia River, pollution and logging. The Mitchell Act specifically directs establishment of salmon hatcheries, conduct of engineering and biological surveys and experiments, and installing fish protective devices. It also authorizes agreements with State fishery agencies and construction of facilities on State-owned lands. NMFS has administered the program as of 1970. There are 15 Mitchell Act hatcheries in Washington State; the majority of which are below Bonneville Dam.

The Mitchell Act programs are intended to support Northwest fishing economies – particularly coastal and Native American -- that have relied on Columbia River production both before and after dam construction. Catches of hatchery fish sustain the economies of local communities while keeping incidental mortalities of ESA-Listed fish at approved levels. Value of hatchery production and benefit to local economies will be further increased by implementing fisheries that increase harvest of hatchery produced fish, as expected through implementation of the LCSRP.

### **3.2 List all existing cooperative agreements, memoranda of understanding, memoranda of agreement, or other management plans or court orders under which program operates.**

*Future Brood Document.* Hatchery salmon and steelhead production levels are detailed in the annual Future Brood Document, a pre-season planning document for fish hatchery production in Washington State for the upcoming brood stock collection and fish rearing season (July 1 – June 30).

See also HGMP section 3.1.



### **3.3 Relationship to harvest objectives.**

Total annual harvest is dependent on management response to annual abundance in Pacific Salmon Commission (PSC - U.S./Canada), Pacific Fishery Management Council (PFMC - U.S. ocean), and Columbia River Compact forums. WDFW also has received authorization for tributary, Columbia River mainstem, and ocean fisheries; the combined harvest rates in the *Fisheries Management and Evaluation Plan* (FMEP), *Columbia River Fish Management Plan* (CRFMP), and ocean fisheries are reviewed annually in the North of Falcon process.

#### **3.3.1 Describe fisheries benefitting from the program, and indicate harvest levels and rates for program-origin fish for the last twelve years (1988-99), if available.**

Hatchery coho can contribute significantly to the lower Columbia River gill net fishery; commercial harvest of early coho is constrained by fall Chinook and Sandy River coho management; commercial harvest of late coho is focused in October during the peak abundance of hatchery late coho. A substantial estuary sport fishery exists between Buoy 10 and the Astoria-Megler Bridge; majority of the catch is early hatchery coho, but late hatchery coho harvest can also be substantial.

**Table 3.3.1.1: Kalama River Hatchery North Type Coho Fishery Contributions.**

Brood Years: 2000-2009 Fishery Years: 2003-2012		
Average SAR% <sup>a</sup>		2.09
Agency	Non-WA Fishery	% of total Survival
CDFG	All	1.84
CDFO	All	0.11
Agency	OR Fishery	% of total Survival
ODFW	10- Ocean Troll	0.97
ODFW	21- Columbia R. Gillnet	16.35
ODFW	40- Ocean Sport	10.46
ODFW	44- Columbia R. Sport	0.37
ODFW	45- Estuarine Sport-(bouy 10)	0.56
ODFW	54- Spawning ground	0.02
ODFW	61- Test Fishery Net	0.02
ODFW	72- Juvenile Sampling	0.02
Agency	WA Fishery	% of total Survival
WDFW	10- Ocean Troll	0.77
MAKA	15- Treaty Troll	0.02
WDFW	15- Treaty Troll	0.76
QDNR	22- Coastal Gillnet	0.08
WDFW	22- Coastal Gillnet	0.42
WDFW	23- PS Net	0.12
WDFW	41- Ocean Sport- Charter	6.13
WDFW	42- Ocean Sport- Private	9.53
WDFW	45- Estuarine Sport	0.53
WDFW	46- Freshwater Sport <sup>b</sup>	6.94
WDFW	50- Hatchery Escapement	43.54
WDFW	50- Hatchery Escapement (Strays) <sup>c</sup>	0.59
Total		100.0

<sup>a</sup> Average SAR% = (tags recovered/tags released)

<sup>b</sup> Freshwater Sport based on WDFW Catch Record Card (CRC) data

<sup>c</sup> Strays recovered at Lewis River, Merwin Dam, Minter Creek, Washougal and Cowlitz River Salmon Hatchery

Source: RMIS 2014.

### 3.4 Relationship to habitat protection and recovery strategies.

The following processes have included habitat identification problems, priority fixes and evolved as key components to *The Lower Columbia Salmon Recovery and Fish and Wildlife Sub-basin Plans* (Volume 1; Clark, Cowlitz, Lewis, Skamania and Wahkiakum Counties, December 15, 2004).

*Sub-Basin Planning* - Regional sub-basin planning processes include the *Cowlitz River Sub-basin Salmon and Steelhead Production Plan*, September 1, 1990 with a more recent Draft Cowlitz River Sub-basin Summary (May 17, 2002) was prepared for the Northwest Power Planning

Council. The Sub-basin efforts provided initial building blocks for the LCFRB regional recovery plan. The Lower Columbia fish Recovery Board (LCFRB) has adopted the *Lower Columbia Salmon Recovery and Fish and Wildlife Sub-basin Plans* (Volume 1; Clark, Cowlitz, Lewis, Skamania and Wahkiakum Counties, December 15, 2004) with the understanding that Implementation of the schedule and actions for local jurisdictions depends upon funding and other resources.

*Habitat Treatment and Protection* - Ecosystem Diagnosis and Treatment (EDT) compares habitat today to that of the basin in a historically unmodified state. EDT has been modeled for productivity in the Cowlitz basin in The Lower Columbia Salmon Recovery and Fish and Wildlife Sub-basin Plans and has been used by Tacoma Power for the FERC re-licensing agreements for the upper basin productivity goals. WDFW is also conducting a Salmon Steelhead Habitat Inventory Assessment Program (SSHAP), which documents barriers to fish passage. WDFW's habitat program issues hydraulic permits for construction or modifications to streams and wetlands. This provides habitat protection to riparian areas and actual watercourses within the watershed.

*Limiting Factors Analysis (LFA)* - A WRIA 27 includes three major watersheds; the Kalama River, the Lewis River (North Fork), and the East Fork Lewis River. The LFA was conducted by the *Washington State Conservation Commission* (January 2000). Loss of channel diversity, increased sedimentation, reduced stream flows, habitat constriction due to effects of irrigation withdrawn, water temperature, and inundation and loss of spawning/rearing habitat through dam construction, and fragmentation of habitat all affect productivity of natural salmonid populations within the watershed. The Lower Kalama River Hatchery presents a partial barrier to migration up Hatchery (Fallert) Creek during low flows. Reports for each WRIA are available at <http://scc.wa.gov/directory/>.

### 3.5 Ecological interactions.

- (1) *Salmonid and non-salmonid fishes or species that could negatively impact the program:* Outmigrant hatchery fish can be preyed upon through the entire migration corridor from the river sub-basin to the mainstem Columbia River and estuary. Northern pikeminnows and introduced spiny rays, as well as avian predators, including gulls, mergansers, cormorants, belted kingfishers, great blue herons and night herons in the Columbia mainstem sloughs, can prey on coho smolts. Mammals that can take a heavy toll on migrating smolts and returning adults include: harbor seals, sea lions, river otters and orcas
- (2) *Salmonid and non-salmonid fishes or species that could be negatively impacted by the program:* Co-occurring natural salmon and steelhead populations in local tributary areas and the Columbia River mainstem corridor areas could be negatively impacted by program fish. Of primary concern are the ESA listed endangered and threatened salmonids: Snake River fall-run Chinook salmon ESU (threatened); Snake River spring/summer-run Chinook salmon ESU (threatened); Lower Columbia River Chinook salmon ESU (threatened); Upper Columbia River spring-run Chinook salmon ESU (endangered); Columbia River chum salmon ESU (threatened); Snake River sockeye salmon ESU (endangered); Upper Columbia River steelhead ESU (endangered); Snake River Basin steelhead ESU (threatened); Lower Columbia River steelhead ESU (threatened); Middle Columbia River steelhead ESU (threatened); and the Columbia River distinct population segment of bull trout (threatened). Listed fish can be impacted through a complex web of short and long term processes and over multiple time periods which makes evaluation of this a net effect difficult. WDFW is unaware of studies directly evaluating adverse ecological effects to listed salmon. In addition the program may have unknown impacts on eulachon populations in the basin.
- (3) *Salmonid and non-salmonid fishes or other species that could positively impact the program.* Multiple programs including fall Chinook, coho and steelhead programs are released from the

Kalama Hatchery and limited natural production of Chinook, coho, chum and steelhead occurs in this system along with non-salmonid fishes (sculpins, lampreys and sucker etc.).

- (4) *Salmonid and non-salmonid fishes or species that could be positively impacted by the program.* Coho smolts can be preyed upon release thru the entire migration corridor from the river sub-basin to the mainstem Columbia River and estuary. Northern pikeminnows and introduced spiny rays in the Columbia mainstem sloughs can prey on coho smolts as well as avian predators, including gulls, mergansers, cormorants, belted kingfishers, great blue herons and night herons. Mammals that benefit from migrating smolts and returning adults include: harbor seals, sea lions, river otters and orcas. Except for yearling coho and steelhead, these species may serve as prey items during the emigration through the basin. Hatchery fish provide an additional food source to natural predators that might otherwise consume listed fish and may overwhelm established predators providing a beneficial, protective effect to co-occurring wild fish. Hatchery releases can also behaviorally encourage mass emigration of multiple species through the watershed, reducing residency. Many watersheds in the Pacific Northwest appear to be nutrient-limited (Gregory et al. 1987; Kline et al. 1997) and salmonid carcasses can be an important source of marine derived nutrients (Levy 1997). Carcasses from returning adult salmonids have been found to elevate stream productivity through several pathways, including:
- a) the releases of nutrients from decaying carcasses has been observed to stimulate primary productivity (Wipfli et al. 1998);
  - b) the decaying carcasses have been found to enrich the food base of aquatic invertebrates (Mathisen et al. 1988); and
  - c) Juvenile salmonids have been observed to feed directly on carcasses (Bilby et al. 1996).

## 4 SECTION 4. WATER SOURCE

### 4.1 Provide a quantitative and narrative description of the water source (spring, well, surface), water quality profile, and natural limitations to production attributable to the water source.

**Table 4.1.1:** Water sources for the Kalama Falls Hatchery.

Water Source	Water Right		Available Water Flow	Avg Water Temp. (°F)	Usage	Limitations
	Record/Cert. No	Permit No.				
Kalama River (surface) pump	S2-CV2P641/ VOL2P535	-----	265 cfs	43-51	Ladder and fishway; adult holding; incubation; and rearing	Temps in lower river can reach the 70s in the summer
Unnamed creek (surface) gravity intake	S2-*18989CWRIS/ 09625	14224	3 cfs		Incubation and rearing	No rearing during summer months due to temps and low water.
Unnamed creek (surface) gravity intake	S2-*18990CWRIS/ 09624	14225	2 cfs			

Source: Phinney 2006, WDOE Water Resources Explorer 2014, WDFW hatchery data.

Note: S2-CV2P641 at Kalama Falls Hatchery also covers a diversion of 8.75 cfs to Fallert Creek Hatchery.

*Kalama Falls Hatchery.* In the fall/winter of 2000/2001, a new intake pump station was constructed with FEMA monies after the 1996 flood damaged the facility. Five new pumps were installed capable of delivering approximately 16 cfs for rearing while two incubation pumps deliver 4 cfs. In 2010 a sixth pump rated at 3.2 cfs was added to the intake station increasing water pumping capacity to 19.2 cfs. A settling pond for incubation water was completed in 2002. Additionally, there are two surface water gravity intakes on un-named creeks – one near the

hatchery and one on the other side of the river and because of steep gradients have been determined by WDFW to be non-fish bearing.

Water rights are formalized through the Washington Department of Ecology, and were obtained in 1953 and 1965.

#### **NPDES Permits:**

The Kalama Falls Hatchery operates under the “*Upland Fin-Fish Hatching and Rearing*” National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general permit which conducts effluent monitoring and reporting and operates within the limitations established in its permit administered by the Washington Department of Ecology (DOE).

Discharges from the cleaning treatment system are monitored as follows:

- *Total Suspended Solids (TSS)* 1 to 2 times per month on composite effluent, maximum effluent and influent samples.
- *Settleable Solids (SS)* 1 to 2 times per week on effluent and influent samples.
- *In-hatchery Water Temperature* - daily maximum and minimum readings.

**Table 4.1.2:** Record of NPDES permit compliance.

Facility/ Permit #	Reports Submitted Y/N			Last Inspection Date	Violations Last 5 yrs (see Error! Reference source not found.)	Corrective Actions Y/N	Meets Compliance Y/N
	Monthly	Qtrly	Annual				
Kalama Falls WAG13-1039	Y	Y	Y	5/2/2006	3	N	Y

Source: Ann West, WDFW Hatcheries Headquarters Database 2013.

**Table 4.1.3:** List of NPDES violations over the last five years (2008-2012).

Month/ Year	Parameter	Sample Type	Result/ Violation	Permit Limit	Comment	Action
Dec 2010	TSS	Avg Net Composite	6.87 mg/L	5.0 mg/L	High water event.	NA
Jun 2011	TSS	Drawdown Max Grab	155.4 mg/L	100.0 mg/L	Late sampling and pond half cleaned.	Staff increase d
Feb 2012	TSS	Max Net Grab	23.8 mg/ L	15.0 mg/L	High river flows	NA

Source: Ann West, WDFW Hatcheries Headquarters Database 2013

Note: These violations did not result in non-compliance with NPDES permit.

#### **4.2 Indicate risk aversion measures that will be applied to minimize the likelihood for the take of listed natural fish as a result of hatchery water withdrawal, screening, or effluent discharge.**

The Kalama Falls Hatchery intake was rebuilt in 2001, and is in compliance.

## **5 SECTION 5. FACILITIES**

### **5.1 Broodstock collection facilities (or methods).**

*Kalama Falls Hatchery.* A trap operates 365 days a year at the Kalama Falls Hatchery. Fish volitionally enter the trap via a step and pool ladder at Kalama Falls Hatchery. Adults are transferred from the trap via overhead rail into a 1,500 gallon tanker truck, and moved to the sorting pond (see HGMP section 5.3).

The Modrow Trap (located at Rkm 4.0) is installed mid-August through mid-October, and is not operated during the Type-N coho migration.

## 5.2 Fish transportation equipment (description of pen, tank truck, or container used).

**Table 5.2.1:** Transportation equipment available at Kalama Hatchery Complex.

Equipment Type	Capacity (gallons)	Supp. Oxygen (y/n)	Temp. Control (y/n)	Norm. Transit Time (minutes)	Chemical(s) Used	Dosage (ppm)
Tanker Truck	1,500	Y	N	20	Sodium chloride (Salt)	5,000 ppm (~0.5%)

Fish can be transported from Fallert Creek Hatchery by 1,500 gallon fiberglass tanker truck equipped with re-circulating pumps and supplemental oxygen system and adult release gate.

## 5.3 Broodstock holding and spawning facilities.

**Table 5.3.1:** Holding facilities available, Kalama Falls Hatchery.

Ponds (No.)	Pond Type	Volume (cu.ft)	Length (ft.)	Width (ft.)	Depth (ft.)	Flow (gpm)	Max. Flow Index	Max. Density Index
1	Concrete adult sorting pond	3,000	60	10	5	500	1.61	0.20

*Kalama Falls Hatchery.* Adults are transferred from the trap via overhead rail into a 1,500 gallon tanker truck, and hauled a short distance (150 m) to the concrete raceway used as a sorting pond. Fish are sorted three to five times per week; unmarked fish (natural-origin) are incorporated in broodstock for the integrated program. Fish kept for broodstock are moved to a 10,800 cu.ft. holding pond with 500-800 gpm water flow (see **Table 5.5.1**).

## 5.4 Incubation facilities.

**Table 5.4.1:** Incubation vessels available, Kalama Falls Hatchery.

Type	Units (number)	Size	Flow (gpm)	Volume (cu.ft.)	Loading (eggs/unit)
Vertical Stack Tray Units (14 trays/stack)	84 1176 trays	24" x 25' x 4"	5	0.55/tray	8,000
Free-style eyeing unit	15	41" x 15" x 21"	20	7.48/unit	300,000

Eggs are placed in vertical stack tray incubators at approximately 8,000 eggs per tray. Eggs are incubated on surface water; flow through the stack starts at 5 gpm per stack and increases to 10 gpm upon hatching.

## 5.5 Rearing facilities.

**Table 5.5.1:** Rearing facilities available, Kalama Falls Hatchery.

Ponds (No.)	Pond Type	Volume (cu.ft)	Length (ft.)	Width (ft.)	Depth (ft.)	Flow (gpm)	Max. Flow Index	Max. Density Index
12	Standard Concrete Raceways	4,800	80	20	3	600	1.61	0.20
6	Adult/Rearing ponds	10,800	60	40	5	800	1.61	0.20
4	Fiberglass Intermediate Deep Troughs	91	16	2.8	2	20	1.61	0.20

Coho fry are started in the standard raceways, and moved to the 60'x40'x5' rearing/adult pond as sub-yearlings (40 fpp) for final rearing.

## 5.6 Acclimation/release facilities.

Fish from the on-station program are released from the dual-use raceways (see HGMP section 5.5) to the river below Kalama Falls.

**5.7 Describe operational difficulties or disasters that led to significant fish mortality.**

In March 2002, Kalama Falls Hatchery experienced a nitrogen supersaturation problem (114%) due to inflow from side-streams. Approximately 30% of the 2001 brood fry were lost. The problem has been solved with the installation of two stack columns.

Flooding and associated debris and sediments chronically affect fish production at this facility.

**5.8 Indicate available back-up systems, and risk aversion measures that will be applied, that minimize the likelihood for the take of listed natural fish that may result from equipment failure, water loss, flooding, disease transmission, or other events that could lead to injury or mortality.**

- All pumps, broodstock holding, incubation and rearing receptacles have water loss alarms.
- Staff is available 24/7 to respond to pump failure, water loss, and flooding events.
- Aeration pumps may be used to maximize the water conditions in the adult collection pond during periods of low water quality which benefits fish held until sorting can be accomplished. This is generally not an issue with Type-N coho (pers. comm. Sam Gibbons 2014).
- Fish health protocols through broodstock collection, incubation and rearing phases are followed and monitored monthly.
- Broodstock collection is checked daily for program and listed fish.
- Staff monitors the trap operation daily to keep the numbers of fish stacking in the trap area to manageable volumes. Heavy volumes can create density problems for listed fish if they are not removed expeditiously.

## **6 SECTION 6. BROODSTOCK ORIGIN AND IDENTITY**

**Describe the origin and identity of broodstock used in the program, its ESA-listing status, annual collection goals, and relationship to wild fish of the same species/population.**

**6.1 Source.**

This program has returning adults to Kalama Falls Hatchery exclusively since 2001. Elochoman and Lewis River Type N coho were used 1998-2000, but non-local transfers have been eliminated. Natural-origin fish (adipose intact) incorporation into the broodstock will be maximized to allow for integration of the on-station program.

**6.2 Supporting information.**

**6.2.1 History.**

Both early-returning and late-returning coho were historically present but not in great abundance in the Kalama Sub-basin. Distribution was confined to the area below Kalama Falls (RKm 16.1) until a fish ladder was constructed in 1936. The current management policy on the Kalama River is to not pass coho past the Kalama Falls Hatchery, and the only tributaries that provide good coho production potential are Hatchery (Fallert), Spencer, and Cedar creeks (W. Dammers, WDFW, pers. comm. 2000).

**6.2.2 Annual size.**

Up to 275 adult pairs, not including jacks, are needed to achieve the established egg-take goal of 750,000 (FBD 2014) for the on-station program. This is based on an average fecundity of around 3,000 smolts/female, and a pre-spawning mortality of 10%.

### **6.2.3 Past and proposed level of natural fish in broodstock.**

The level of natural origin fish in the returning broodstock is unknown prior to mass-marking which began with the 1998 brood (2001 return). From 2001 to 2005, only hatchery-origin returning broodstock, identified by their missing adipose fin, have been used for propagation purposes. WDFW shifted to an integrated program utilizing natural-origin fish in the broodstock in 2005. See **Table 7.4.2.1** for broodstock collection levels.

### **6.2.4 Genetic or ecological differences.**

The broodstock is derived from stock returning to the sub-basin. There are no known genotypic, phenotypic, or behavioral differences between either the hatchery or natural stocks in the sub-basin. The chosen broodstock displays morphological and life history traits similar to the natural population. During years where adult return was not sufficient to meet broodstock needs, eggs were obtained from other Columbia River hatcheries with surplus Type N Coho; this practice has been discontinued.

### **6.2.5 Reasons for choosing.**

The stock has a run-entry pattern and timing that provides harvest opportunities for fisheries in the sub-basin, Lower Columbia mainstem/tributaries, and the Washington/Oregon Coast. The stock contributes significantly to Washington coastal fisheries, especially in zones 1 and 2 (Ilwaco, Westport, WA). A combination of Type N and Type S stocks provide an extended period of quality catch in both the fresh water recreational and commercial fisheries. This stock provides the freshwater commercial fishers and opportunity (timing) outside the peak fall Chinook returns in the Lower Columbia River.

## **6.3 Indicate risk aversion measures that will be applied to minimize the likelihood for adverse genetic or ecological effects to listed natural fish that may occur as a result of broodstock selection practices.**

- Natural spawners will be integrated into the broodstock to represent the natural type-N coho run throughout the season.
- Hatchery program fish are mass-marked.
- There are no known genotypic, phenotypic, or behavioral differences between either the hatchery stock or natural stock in the sub-basin.
- Holding pond procedures follow IHOT guidelines.
- Other listed fish encountered during the broodstock collection process will be returned directly to the river or passed into the upper watershed, with minimal handling and holding time.
- Any observed mortalities will be reported in the WDFW Hatcheries Headquarters Database.

## **7 SECTION 7. BROODSTOCK COLLECTION**

### **7.1 Life-history stage to be collected (adults, eggs, or juveniles).**

Adults and jacks returning to Kalama Falls Hatchery.

### **7.2 Collection or sampling design.**

Type-N coho are collected each year from the run at large reaching the Kalama Falls Hatchery from late-October through early-January. Broodstock are collected over the historical curve of the run and spawned when ripe. Capture efficiency is 100% for fish volunteering to the trap.

The program will collect NOBs that volunteer to the hatchery and retain all unmarked adult coho until spawning begins and continue to collect potential NOBs and HOBs throughout the run



(October-December). Broodstock will be wanded for coded-wire tag (CWT) recovery; stray DITs detected will be excluded from the broodstock.

### 7.3 Identity.

Coho produced from this facility have been released mass-marked with an adipose fin-clip (AD) since brood year 1998. Prior to this, natural-origin fish could not be differentiated from hatchery-origin fish. A portion of the on-station releases (~5.5%) are also released AD+coded-wire tagged (AD+CWT).

### 7.4 Proposed number to be collected:

#### 7.4.1 Program goal (assuming 1:1 sex ratio for adults):

See HGMP section 6.2.2.

#### 7.4.2 Broodstock collection levels for the last twelve years (e.g. 1988-99), or for most recent years available:

**Table 7.4.2.1:** Composition of marked and unmarked adults and jacks in the hatchery broodstock, Kalama Type-N coho.

Brood Year	Marked			Unmarked		
	Females	Males	Jacks	Females	Males	Jacks
2002	107	106	2	----	----	----
2003	111	111	1	----	----	----
2004	111	115	2	----	----	----
2005	124	124	0	10	14	0
2006	154	99	0	17	46	2
2007	115	111	1	4	5	0
2008	194	177	4	11	14	1
2009	201	197	5	6	12	0
2010	176	146	0	29	50	7
2011	149	98	1	58	97	8
2012	242	240	5	41	38	7
Average	153	139	2	22	35	3

Source: WDFW hatchery data 2014.

### 7.5 Disposition of hatchery-origin fish collected in surplus of broodstock needs.

Fish in surplus of broodstock may be donated to food banks or used for nutrient enhancement.

### 7.6 Fish transportation and holding methods.

Fish can be transported from Fallert Creek Hatchery (see HGMP section 5.2) by 1500 gallon fiberglass tanker truck equipped with re-circulating pumps and supplemental oxygen system and adult release gate. Salt is used to reduce stress.

### 7.7 Describe fish health maintenance and sanitation procedures applied.

Water temperatures will have cooled considerably during the coho run (38 to 47°F), so adult coho generally do not require chemical treatments. Fish treatments are rare, and only for fungus control using formalin bath treatments.

The adult holding area is separated from all other hatchery operations. Disinfection procedures that prevent pathogen transmission between stocks of fish are implemented during spawning.

Spawning implements are rinsed with an iodophor solution, and spawning area and implements are disinfected with iodophor solution at the end the spawning day.

**7.8 Disposition of carcasses.**

Spawned carcasses not used for system nutrient enhancement are disposed of at an approved upland site (landfill).

**7.9 Indicate risk aversion measures that will be applied to minimize the likelihood for adverse genetic or ecological effects to listed natural fish resulting from the broodstock collection program.**

Proper trap operation and fish handling techniques are followed. Broodstock are collected throughout the return period. Broodstock collection procedures quickly identify non-target fish encountered; fish not used in the program are released immediately.

## **8 SECTION 8. MATING**

**Describe fish mating procedures that will be used, including those applied to meet performance indicators identified previously.**

**8.1 Selection method.**

Representative portions of the run are randomly selected. Spawning occurs weekly, over the period, from late-October through December. Spawning activity peaks in December.

**8.2 Males.**

A ratio of 1:1 males to females is used. Jack coho salmon (2-year old) can be incorporated into the broodstock as males up to 5% of the total number of spawners.

**8.3 Fertilization.**

Agency spawning guidelines are closely followed (Seidel 1983). Fertilization occurs at a 1:1 ratio (females/males). Gametes for 1:1 fertilization will not be pooled prior to mixing. All available ripe unmarked females are crossed at a 1:1 ratio with ripe adipose fin clipped males; if only WxW fish are available, spawners are crossed at 1:1 ratio. Milt is mixed with green eggs with the ovarian fluid. Water hardening procedures with iodophor are followed after twenty minutes. Iodophor solution is used as rinse that is applied to hands and spawning implements per spawning. Disinfectant foot baths are located at entrance to incubation room. Generally, sixty ovarian fluid and kidney/spleen samples are collected from female spawners to test for the presence of viral pathogens. Unmarked fish not used for integration needs are released downstream of the hatchery.

**8.4 Cryopreserved gametes.**

Cryopreserved gametes are not used.

**8.5 Indicate risk aversion measures that will be applied to minimize the likelihood for adverse genetic or ecological effects to listed natural fish resulting from the mating scheme.**

- Limit/eliminate out-of-basin transfers.
- Protocols for population size, fish health disinfection and genetic guidelines are followed.
- Spawn all collected mature broodstock if possible without regard to age, size, color or other physical characteristics. If not spawning all collected mature adults over the season, apply the same rationale to individual spawn days.
- Randomize mating and avoid selectivity beyond ripeness on a given spawn day.

- Use one male to one female as much as possible in order to ensure an equal genetic contribution.
- Do not mix milt from multiple males and add to eggs (pooling prior to mixing) in order to eliminate disproportionate genetic male contributions.
- Do not re-use males except as part of specific spawning protocols. A given male should be used as the first mate for only one female total.

**9 SECTION 9. INCUBATION AND REARING -Specify any management goals (e.g. “egg to smolt survival”) that the hatchery is currently operating under for the hatchery stock in the appropriate sections below. Provide data on the success of meeting the desired hatchery goals.**

**9.1 Incubation:**

**9.1.1 Number of eggs taken and survival rates to eye-up and/or ponding.**

**Table 9.1.1.1:** Survival rates (%) from egg-take to ponding, Kalama Type-N coho.

Brood Year	Egg Take	% Egg Survival	
		Green-to-Eyed	Eyed Egg-to-Ponding
2002	428,614	94.3	97.9
2003	459,490	95.6	98.0
2004	459,600	94.9	98.1
2005	469,903	92.4	98.0
2006	465,106	95.2	98.0
2007	449,330	89.8	98.0
2008	812,872	99.1	92.1
2009	751,523	96.2	98.0
2010	751,936	96.5	98.0
2011	767,179	94.5	96.2
2012	798,355	98.5	98.7

Source: WDFW Hatcheries Headquarters Database, hatchery records.

NA – Not available.

**9.1.2 Cause for, and disposition of surplus egg takes.**

The program broodstock collection goals set in the annual Future Brood Document. Egg-takes are managed according to data/information of historical egg-takes at the facility, and are maintained within the  $\pm 5\%$  guideline of the permit. Viral sampling (60 fish lots) are conducted over the course of the season.

In the event that egg survival is higher than expected, WDFW Regional Managers will be contacted for instructions for disposition of the surplus in accordance with Regional policy and guidelines set forth in management plans/agreements and ESA permits.

**9.1.3 Loading densities applied during incubation.**

Eggs are placed in the stack incubators at approximately 8,000 eggs/tray for eyeing and hatching. Removal of dead eggs, accurate enumeration and loadings are adjusted during this time. WDFW follows *Integrated Hatchery Operations Team* (IHOT) species-specific incubation recommendations for water quality, flows, temperature, substrate, and incubator capacities.

**9.1.4 Incubation conditions.**

IHOT species-specific incubation recommendations are followed for water quality, flows, temperature, substrate and incubator capacities. Incubation water temperature is monitored by

thermograph and recorded and temperature units (TU) are tracked for embryonic development. Harmful silt and sediment is cleaned from incubation systems regularly while eggs are monitored to determine fertilization and mortality.

After weighing, eyed-eggs are placed in trays with a Vexar® substrate. Eggs are incubated on surface water; flow rate through the stack starts at 5 gpm, and increases to 10 gpm after hatching. Dissolved oxygen content is monitored and have been at acceptable levels of saturation with a minimum criteria of 8 ppm; aerators could be employed if DO is below target, however, it is not typically needed for Type-N coho. Siltation is controlled with rodding, as needed.

#### **9.1.5 Ponding.**

Fry are typically ponded to the raceways in March/April, when the yolk slit is closed to approximately 1-mm wide (approximately 1,600 TUs) or KD factor (95% yolk absorption).

#### **9.1.6 Fish health maintenance and monitoring.**

Staff conducts daily inspection, visual monitoring and sampling from eye, fry fingerling and sub-yearling stages. As soon as potential problems are seen, these concerns are immediately communicated to the WDFW fish health specialist. In addition, fish health specialists conduct inspections monthly. Potential problems are managed promptly to limit mortality and reduce possible disease transmission. Disease treatment varies with the pathogen encountered, but is generally antibiotic in nature for bacterial infections and bath or drip treatments with chemotheraputants for external infections.

See also **Attachments 1 and 2** for fish health monitoring information.

#### **9.1.7 Indicate risk aversion measures that will be applied to minimize the likelihood for adverse genetic and ecological effects to listed fish during incubation.**

- Limit/eliminate out-of-basin transfers.
- IHOT and WDFW fish health guidelines followed.
- Multiple units are used in incubators.
- Splash curtains can isolate incubators.
- Temperature, dissolved oxygen, and flow are monitored.
- Dead eggs are discarded in a manner that prevents disease transmission.

### **9.2 Rearing:**

#### **9.2.1 Provide survival rate data (average program performance) by hatchery life stage (fry to fingerling; fingerling to smolt) for the most recent twelve years (1988-99), or for years dependable data are available.**

**Table 9.2.1.1:** Survival rates (%) from ponding to release, Kalama Type-N coho.

Brood Year	Fry-to- Smolt
2002	91.1
2003	95.1
2004	96.2
2005	96.9
2006	94.5
2007	95.2 <sup>a</sup>
2008	94.7
2009	96.1
2010	94.3
2011	98.9

<b>2012</b>	80.4 <sup>b</sup>
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Source: Hatcheries Headquarters Database 2014, hatchery records.

NA – Not available

<sup>a</sup> The Kalama River overflowed its banks and topped the ponds on January 7, 2009. An estimated 117,626 (33%) sub-yearlings (23 fpp) escaped. The remainder were released in April at 15.9 fpp.

<sup>b</sup> Bacterial Cold Water Disease (BCWD) and the EIBS virus contributed to higher than normal loss of the yearling stock.

### **9.2.2 Density and loading criteria (goals and actual levels).**

Loading and density levels at WDFW hatcheries conform to standards and guidelines set forth in *Fish Hatchery Management* (Piper et. al. 1982), the *Salmonid Disease Control Policy of the Fisheries Co-Managers of Washington State* (WDFW and WWTIT 1998, updated 2006). IHOT standards are followed for water quality, alarm systems, predator control measures to provide the necessary security for the cultured stock, loading and density.

Densities are generally kept at or below 3.3 lbs /gpm and 0.5 lbs /cu ft. before the last loading reduction in the fall of the year. Trough maximum loading is 40 lbs at 12 gpm (3.33 lbs/gpm). Tank and raceway maximum loading for early rearing is 132 lbs for the tanks at 40 gpm (3.3 lbs/gpm) and 2,500 lbs per raceway at 700 gpm.(3.57 lbs/gpm). The final loading per rearing/adult pond is approximately 10,300 lbs. at 800 gpm (12.9 lbs/gpm).

### **9.2.3 Fish rearing conditions**

**Table 9.2.3.1:** Monthly average surface water temperature (°F) at Kalama Falls Hatchery.

<b>Month</b>	<b>Average Water Temperature (°F)</b>
<b>January</b>	42
<b>February</b>	43
<b>March</b>	46
<b>April</b>	48
<b>May</b>	51
<b>June</b>	55
<b>July</b>	61
<b>August</b>	60
<b>September</b>	56
<b>October</b>	49
<b>November</b>	47
<b>December</b>	43

Source: WDFW Hatchery Records 2014.

IHOT standards are followed for water quality, alarm systems, predator control measures (netting), loading and density.

Fish are reared on water from Kalama River, the unnamed creek, and reuse water (final rearing). Temperature, dissolved oxygen (DO) and pond turn-over rate are monitored and recorded daily; water temperatures during the rearing cycle range from 32° to 62°F (**Table 9.2.3.1**), DO averages around 10.7 ppm in March/April; aerators could be employed if DO is below target, however, it is not typically needed for Type-N coho rearing. Settleable solids, unused feed and feces are removed regularly to ensure proper cleanliness of rearing containers. All ponds are vacuumed as needed. Predator netting over the rearing ponds minimize predation. The ponds are pressure-washed between broods.

Fish are mass-marked when they are about 35 fpp (late-October).

**9.2.4 Indicate biweekly or monthly fish growth information (average program performance), including length, weight, and condition factor data collected during rearing, if available.**

**Table 9.2.4.1:** Monthly fish growth information by length (mm), weight (fpp), condition factor and growth rate, collected during rearing, Kalama Type-N coho.

Rearing Period	Length (mm)	Weight (fpp)	Condition Factor	Growth Rate
March	37.6	1,170	0.940	Na
April	43.4	585	1.069	0.500
May	51.3	355	1.072	0.393
June	58.8	233	1.089	0.344
July	75.3	104	1.110	0.554
August	78.0	83	1.134	0.203
September	95.9	50	1.156	0.396
October	103.3	40	1.167	0.200
November	110.1	33	1.175	0.175
December	119.5	26	1.198	0.212
January	123.0	23	1.221	0.115
February	128.8	20	1.215	0.130
March	133.0	19	n/a	0.058
April	131.4	16	1.254	0.158

Source: WDFW Hatchery Records.

**9.2.5 Indicate monthly fish growth rate and energy reserve data (average program performance), if available.**

See HGMP section 9.2.4. No energy reserve data available.

**9.2.6 Indicate food type used, daily application schedule, feeding rate range (e.g. % B.W./day and lbs/gpm inflow), and estimates of total food conversion efficiency during rearing (average program performance).**

Fish are given variety of diet formulations including starter, crumbles and pellets; the food brand used may vary, depending on cost and vendor contracts. Feeding frequencies varies depending on the fish size and water temperature, and usually begin at 7-8 feedings/7 days a week, and end at 1-3 feedings/7 days a week. Coho are typically fed around 1.5-1.8% B.W./day, depending upon water temperature and weather conditions. Feed rate is applied in accordance with program goals not to exceed 0.1-0.15 pounds feed per gallon in-flow, depending on fish size. Average season conversion rates generally are no greater than 1.3:1.0.

**9.2.7 Fish health monitoring, disease treatment, and sanitation procedures.**

*Monitoring.* Policy guidance includes: *Fish Health Policy in the Columbia Basin*. Details hatchery practices and operations designed to stop the introduction and/or spread of any diseases within the Columbia Basin. Also, *Policies and Procedures for Columbia Basin Anadromous Salmonid Hatcheries* (Fish Health Policy Chapter 5, IHOT 1995). A fish health specialist inspects fish monthly and checks both healthy and presence of symptomatic fish. Based on pathological or visual signs by the crew, age of fish and the history of the facility, the pathologist determines the appropriate tests. External signs such as lesions, discolorations, and fungal growths will lead to internal examinations of skin, gills and organs. Kidney and spleen are checked for BKD. Blood is checked for signs of anemia or other pathogens. Additional tests for virus or parasites are done if warranted (see **Attachment 1**- Fish Health Monitoring history and **Attachment 2** for Virology Sampling reports).

*Disease Treatment.* As needed, appropriate therapeutic treatment will be prescribed to control and prevent further outbreaks. Parasite-S® is used for fungus control on eggs. Potassium permanganate is used to treat Cold-Water Disease (CWD). Mortality is collected and disposed of at a landfill. Fish health and/or treatment reports are kept on file (see also **Attachment 1:** Fish Health Monitoring summaries).

*Sanitation.* All eggs brought to the facility are surface-disinfected with iodophor (as per disease policy). Every effort is made to prevent the horizontal spread of pathogens by splashing water. All equipment (nets, tanks, boots, etc.) is disinfected with iodophor between different fish/egg lots. Different fish/egg lots are physically isolated from each other by separate ponds or incubation units. Footbaths containing disinfectant are strategically located on the hatchery grounds to prevent spread of pathogens. Mortalities are collected and disposed of at a landfill. Fish Health and/or treatment reports are kept on file (see **Attachments 1 and 2** for Fish Health monitoring history).

**9.2.8 Smolt development indices (e.g. gill ATPase activity), if applicable.**

Gill ATPase activity is not measured. Fish size at release time is critical to the readiness for migration. The migratory state of the release population is determined by fish behavior. Aggressive screen and intake crowding, swarming against sloped pond sides, a leaner (0.80 – 0.90) condition factor (K), a silvery physical appearance and loose scales during feeding events are signs of smolt development.

**9.2.9 Indicate the use of "natural" rearing methods as applied in the program.**

Not applicable.

**9.2.10 Indicate risk aversion measures that will be applied to minimize the likelihood for adverse genetic and ecological effects to listed fish under propagation.**

See HGMP sections 5.8, 6.3, 7.9 and 9.1.7.

## **10 SECTION 10. RELEASE**

**Describe fish release levels, and release practices applied through the hatchery program.**

### **10.1 Proposed fish release levels.**

**Table 10.1.1:** Proposed release levels (maximum number).

Age Class	Maximum Number	Size (fpp)	Release Date	Location
Yearling	600,000	17.0	April/May	Kalama River

Source: WDFW Future Brood Document 2014.

Note: 17 fpp = 140 mm fork length (fl)

### **10.2 Specific location(s) of proposed release(s).**

**Stream, river, or watercourse:** Kalama River (WRIA 27.0002)  
**Release point:** RKm 16.1  
**Major watershed:** Kalama Sub-Basin  
**Basin or Region:** Lower Columbia River

### 10.3 Actual numbers and sizes of fish released by age class through the program.

**Table 10.3.1:** Number of yearlings released, size, CVs and release date, by age and year.

Release Year	Number	Avg Size (fpp)	CV	Date
2002	353,429	16.5	5.38	April 11
2003	385,125 <sup>a</sup>	16.2	5.24	April 16
2004	342,882	17.0	5.84	April 13
2005	329,373	15.7	5.07	April 21
2006	337,235	15.1	7.05	April 12
2007	353,609	13.3	5.33	April 17
2008	284,986	14.7	4.81	April 15
2009	117,626	23.0	n/a	January 7 <sup>b</sup>
	273,712	15.9	5.30	April 17
2010	638,584	16.8	5.99	April 1, 15
2011	648,892	16.5	5.21	April 15
2012	635,846	15.7	6.17	April 18
2013	705,552	16.4	5.74	April 15

Source: WDFW Hatcheries Headquarters Database 2014.

Notes: 15 fpp = 146 mm fork length (fl); 16 fpp = 143 mm fl; 17 fpp = 140 mm fl.

<sup>a</sup> Releases in 2003 include 117,160 Elochoman stock.

<sup>b</sup> Around 117,626 sub-yearlings (32%) were unintentionally released in 2009, when floodwater overtook the pond.

### 10.4 Actual dates of release and description of release protocols.

The pond space is needed for fall Chinook, so coho are forced out at a date that allows the crew adequate time to clean and set the pond. See **Table 10.3.1** for actual release dates.

### 10.5 Fish transportation procedures, if applicable.

Juvenile fish are not transported; fish are released on-station.

### 10.6 Acclimation procedures (methods applied and length of time).

Coho for this program are reared, acclimated, and released directly from the rearing ponds at Kalama Falls Hatchery. All production is reared on a mixture of surface water from the river, unnamed creeks on the property, and re-use water, providing the on-station coho release a distinct location indicator. All fish are programmed to be in a smolt size before release; releases fall within the normal migration time of natural fish.

### 10.7 Marks applied, and proportions of the total hatchery population marked, to identify hatchery adults.

**Table 10.7.1:** Marks applied, by brood year, age class and mark-type.

Brood Year	Age Class	Number	Mark-Type
2014	Yearlings	45,000	AD+CWT
		555,000	AD-only

Source: FBD 2014.

Fish have been 100% mass-marked (adipose fin-clipped) since brood year 1998. In addition, ~7.5% of the on-station production is released AD + coded-wire tag (AD+CWT) to help determine origin and straying rates.



Scale samples are read at WDFW Headquarters Olympia to verify hatchery- or natural-origin. Snouts collected from the adipose fin-clipped adults are dissected, recovered and read at the WDFW CWT Lab in Olympia. CWT data is reported annual to RMIS.

#### **10.8 Disposition plans for fish identified at the time of release as surplus to programmed or approved levels.**

The program guidelines for annual broodstock/egg-take collection are managed to prevent any surpluses, and maintained within the  $\pm 5\%$  guideline. In the event of surplus  $>10\%$ , WDFW Regional Managers will in accordance with regional policy and guidelines set forth in management plans/agreements and ESA permits, and after consultation with NMFS, instruct hatchery staff for disposition of the surplus.

#### **10.9 Fish health certification procedures applied pre-release.**

All fish are examined for the presence of “reportable pathogens” as defined in the *Pacific Northwest Fish Health Protection Committee* (PNFHPC) disease control guidelines, within three weeks prior to release.

Fish transfers into the sub-basin are inspected and accompanied by notifications as described in IHOT and PNFHPC guidelines.

Prior to release, the population health and condition is established by the Area Fish Health Specialist. This is commonly done 1-3 weeks pre-release and up to six weeks on systems with pathogen-free water and little or no history of disease. Prior to this examination, whenever abnormal behavior or mortality is observed, staff also contacts the Area Fish Health Specialist. The fish specialist examines affected fish, and recommends the appropriate treatment. Reporting and control of selected fish pathogens are done in accordance with the *Salmonid Disease Control Policy of the Fisheries Co-Managers of Washington State* (WDFW and WWTIT 1998, updated 2006) and IHOT guidelines.

#### **10.10 Emergency release procedures in response to flooding or water system failure.**

In the event of a water system failure, screens would be pulled to allow fish to exit the ponds or in some cases they can be transferred into other rearing vessels to prevent an emergency release. WDFW also has emergency response procedures for providing back-up pumps, transport trucks, etc. in cases of emergency. In cases of severe flooding the screens are not pulled because flood waters rise to the point where they breach the ponds. Past experience has shown that the fish tend to lay on the bottom of the pond during flooding events and only those that are inadvertently swept out are able to leave. Every effort will be made to avoid pre-programmed releases including transfer to alternate facilities. Emergency releases, if necessary and authorized, would be managed by removal of outlet screens and pull sumps of the rearing units. If possible, staff would set up portable pumps to use river water to flush the fish.

#### **10.11 Indicate risk aversion measures that will be applied to minimize the likelihood for adverse genetic and ecological effects to listed fish resulting from fish releases.**

- The production and release of only smolts through fish culture and volitional release practices fosters rapid seaward migration with minimal delay in the rivers, limiting interactions with naturally produced juveniles.
- Coho smolts are released in April/May to allow listed Chinook to grow to a size that will reduce predation opportunities, and still be in advance of winter and summer steelhead fry emergence in Columbia River tributaries.
- Release is from a location downstream of much of the habitat of listed spring Chinook and steelhead.

- All program fish are mass marked for easy identification. Returning hatchery fish are under heavy selective harvest and are identified by an adipose fin-clip. Recycling downstream for sport harvest opportunity eliminates as many fish as possible removing potential spawners.
- Returning hatchery fish are under heavy selective harvest, and may be differentiated from natural-origin fish by the adipose fin-clip or CWT.
- WDFW proposes to continue monitoring, research and reporting of hatchery smolt migration performance behavior, and intra and interspecific interactions with wild fish to access, and adjust if necessary, hatchery production and release strategies to minimize effects on wild fish.
- WDFW fish health and operational concerns for Kalama Falls Hatchery programs are communicated to WDFW Region 5 staff for any risk management or needed treatment. See also HGMP section 9.7.

## **11 SECTION 11. MONITORING AND EVALUATION OF PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

### **11.1 Monitoring and evaluation of “Performance Indicators” presented in Section 1.10.**

#### **11.1.1 Describe plans and methods proposed to collect data necessary to respond to each “Performance Indicator” identified for the program.**

Performance indicators for harvest will be accomplished by continuing mass marking (ad clip). CWT recoveries will help determine stray rate contributions on spawning grounds by watersheds close in proximity to this program’s release vicinity. See HGMP section 1.10 Monitoring and Evaluation for additional plans and methods to collect data necessary.

*Additional research, monitoring and evaluation in the Lower Columbia.* WDFW is currently conducting the following Mitchell Act-funded research, monitoring and evaluation projects:

**Table 11.1.1.1:** Current WDFW Mitchell Act-funded research, monitoring and evaluation projects.

<b>Project</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>LCR Monitoring</b>	WDFW has implemented an expanded monitoring program for Chinook, coho, chum and steelhead populations in the Lower Columbia River (LCR) region of Southwest Washington (WDFW’s Region 5) and fishery monitoring in the lower mainstem of the Columbia River. The focus of this expanded monitoring is to 1) gather data on Viable Salmonid Population (VSP) parameters – spawner abundance, including proportion of hatchery-origin spawners (pHOS), spatial distribution, diversity, and productivity, 2) to increase the coded wire tag (CWT) recovery rate from spawning grounds to meet regional standards, and 3) to evaluate the use of PIT tags to develop harvest rates for salmon and steelhead populations. Additionally, key watersheds are monitored for juvenile salmonid out-migrant abundance. Coupled with adult abundance information, these data sets allow for evaluation of freshwater productivity and development of biological reference points, such as seeding capacity. Monitoring protocols and analysis methods utilized are intended to produce unbiased estimates with measurements of precision in an effort to meet NOAA monitoring guidelines (Crawford and Rumsey

**11.1.2 Indicate whether funding, staffing, and other support logistics are available or committed to allow implementation of the monitoring and evaluation program.**

Except for a risk involving genetic introgression, all other aspects of the M&E outlined in HGMP section 1.10 are currently funded (see also HGMP section 11.1.1).

**11.2 Indicate risk aversion measures that will be applied to minimize the likelihood for adverse genetic and ecological effects to listed fish resulting from monitoring and evaluation activities.**

Monitoring, evaluation and research follow scientific protocols with adaptive management process if needed. WDFW will take risk aversion measures to eliminate or reduce ecological effects, injury, or mortality as a result of monitoring activities See HGMP section 1.10 Monitoring and Evaluation for additional plans and methods to collect data necessary, In addition, we will adaptively manage all aspects of the program to continue to minimize associated risks using the more recent available scientific research.

**12 SECTION 12. RESEARCH**

**12.1 Objective or purpose.**

No research is directly associated with the program.

**12.2 Cooperating and funding agencies.**

Any research is conducted by WDFW and funded through Tacoma Power.

**12.3 Principle investigator or project supervisor and staff.**

Cowlitz Hatchery Biologist

**12.4 Status of stock, particularly the group affected by project, if different than the stock(s) described in Section 2.**

Not applicable.

**12.5 Techniques: include capture methods, drugs, samples collected, tags applied.**

Not applicable.

**12.6 Dates or time period in which research activity occurs.**

Not applicable.

**12.7 Care and maintenance of live fish or eggs, holding duration, transport methods.**

Not applicable.

**12.8 Expected type and effects of take and potential for injury or mortality.**

Not applicable.

**12.9 Level of take of listed fish: number or range of fish handled, injured, or killed by sex, age, or size, if not already indicated in Section 2 and the attached “take table” (Table 1).**

Not applicable.

**12.10 Alternative methods to achieve project objectives.**

Not applicable.

**12.11 List species similar or related to the threatened species; provide number and causes of mortality related to this research project.**

Not applicable.

**12.12 Indicate risk aversion measures that will be applied to minimize the likelihood for adverse ecological effects, injury, or mortality to listed fish as a result of the proposed research activities.**

Not applicable.

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## **Attachment 1: Fish Health Summaries - Kalama Falls Hatchery, April 1, 2007 through September 30, 2007 to October 1, 2011 through March 31, 2012.**

### **Kalama Falls Hatchery Coho**

#### **Juveniles:**

##### **2005 brood coho-N**

These fish were released in good health in spring 2007.

##### **2006 brood coho-N**

These fish in the “hog pens” grew well and maintained good health. There was some flashing occurring and *Trichodina* was found on the skin in January 2007, and again in March. They were treated with Paracide-S (formalin) for three days each time. Final rearing is on 100% reuse water. Fish were released healthy in mid-April 2008.

##### **2007 brood year N-coho**

Coho were ponded in early-April 2008; later than normal due to low water temperatures. Fish were diagnosed with BCWD in June 2008, and were treated with Aquaflor (florfenicol) for ten-days. In January 2009, the Kalama River overflowed into the lower holding ponds, allowing a partial release (33%); all were mass-marked and 8% had CWTs. There were no pathogens reported during exams of this stock for the entire reporting period. The fish grew very well and had excellent condition factors and fat levels. They were healthy at release in spring 2009.

##### **2008 brood year N-coho**

Program was increased to 600,000 release goal in 2008. Fish were ponded in April 2009. The fry were diagnosed with BCWD in June 2009, and were treated with Aquaflor (florfenicol) medicated feed for ten days. No problems have been noted since the summer. Fish are vigorous and did not show clinical signs of BKD. Fish were mass-marked and tagged in January 2010. They were released healthy in mid-April 2010.

##### **2009 brood year N-coho**

Fish were ponded in March/April 2010, and did well during the summer months, with no health issues. They were diagnosed with BCWD in November 2010, and were treated with Aquaflor (florfenicol) medicated feed. There was some low level loss, and *Saprolegnia* infections continued, but this loss was not significant and the majority of the fish grew well. These fish were diagnosed with BCWD at the end of March 2011, but losses were low and the fish were not treated. They were released out of the lower holding pods in mid-April 2011.

##### **2010 brood year N-coho**

Fish were ponded by April 2011. This group of fish experienced two episodes of BCWD in May and June 2011, which required treatment with Aquaflor (florfenicol) medicated feed. The fish remained healthy, but were diagnosed with BCWD in October 2011; loss levels were low and no treatment was prescribed. BCWD was still present in December, and Erythrocytic Inclusion Body Syndrome was also diagnosed, but loss was not high. The population was split, which generally helps resolve BCWD. Other than poor gill condition due to dirty water during high flows. These fish remained healthy through the winter, and released mid-April 2012.

##### **2011 brood year N-coho**

On June 1, the fish were diagnosed with a mild case of BCWD and light Ichthyobodo, neither of which were severe enough to warrant treatment. Losses increased by the second week in June, and a florfenicol medicated feed treatment was initiated. Fish responded well to treatment and remained healthy until the

end of August, when mortality began to increase in one of the four raceways due to *Furunculosis*. This was treated successfully with Romet medicated feed. The fish responded well to treatment and were healthy prior to release.

**2012 brood year N-coho**

These fish remained healthy until the end of May 2013, when loss increased due to BCWD and *Ichthyobodiasis*. The fish received a 1:6,000 formalin drip to treat the parasite. The fish had just been split treatment was delayed to see if the BCWD would decline with decreased densities. Losses continued, however, and the fish were successfully treated with a 10-day of Florfenicol medicated feed. The fish remained healthy through October 2013.

## Attachment 2: WDFW Virology Sampling 2006-2007 through 2011-2012: Kalama Hatchery Complex coho.

Hatchery/ Collection Site	Stock	Species	Date Sampled	Results	Comments	Life Stage	Sample number	Number of fish sampled						ID	Cell Line	Frozen	Inoc Date
								OF	pools	K/S	pools	fry/visc	pools				
FALLERT	KALAMA R	COHO	10/18/06	NEV		AD	1019-3/4	60	12	60	12						
KALAMA FLS	KALAMA R	NCOHO	11/28/06	NEV		AD	1129-5/6	60	12	60	12						
FALLERT CR	KALAMA R	SCOHO	10/17/07	NEV		AD	1018-6/7	60	12	60	12						
KALAMA FLS	KALAMA R	NCOHO	12/10/07	NEV	no ice pack, samples cool	AD	1211-7/8	60	12	60	12						
FALLERT CR	KALAMA R	SCOHO	10/09/08	NEV		AD	1010-1/2	40	8	40	8						
KALAMA FLS	KALAMA R	NCOHO	12/02/08	NEV		AD	1203-9/10	55	11	55	11						
KALAMA FLS	KALAMA R	NCOHO	12/09/08	NEV		AD	1210-13/14	5	1	5	1						
KALAMA FLS	KALAMA R	NCOHO	11/23/09	NEV		AD	1123-2/3	60	12	60	12						
KALAMA FLS	KALAMA R	NCOHO	11/23/09	NEV		AD	1123-2/3	60	12	60	12						
FALLERT	KALAMA R	SCOHO	10/12/10	NEV		AD	1012-7/8	25	5	60	12						
FALLERT	KALAMA R	SCOHO	10/19/10	NEV		AD	1020-5	35	7								
KALAMA FLS	KALAMA R	NCOHO	12/07/10	NEV		AD	1208-2/3	58	12	60	12						
KALAMA FLS	KALAMA R	NCOHO	12/14/10	NEV		AD	1215-3/4	5	1	5	1						
FALLERT	KALAMA R	SCOHO	10/11/11	NEV		AD	1012-5/6	15	3	25	5						
FALLERT	KALAMA R	SCOHO	10/19/11	NEV		AD	1020-1/2	45	9	35	7						
KALAMA FLS	KALAMA R	NCOHO	12/06/11	NEV		AD	1207-2/3	60	12	60	12						
FALLERT CR	KALAMA R	SCOHO	10/09/12	NEV		AD	1010-3/4	15	3	37	8						9/20/12
KALAMA FLS	KALAMA R	NCOHO	12/03/12	NEV		AD	1204-3/4	60	12	60	12						3/28/13

Source: WDFW Fish Health Lab data 2014 (John Kerwin)

Note: For Kalama system Chinook and steelhead data, see respective Kalama HGMPs.

#### **14 SECTION 14. CERTIFICATION LANGUAGE AND SIGNATURE OF RESPONSIBLE PARTY**

“I hereby certify that the information provided is complete, true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that the information provided in this HGMP is submitted for the purpose of receiving limits from take prohibitions specified under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C.1531-1543) and regulations promulgated thereafter for the proposed hatchery program, and that any false statement may subject me to the criminal penalties of 18 U.S.C. 1001, or penalties provided under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.”

Name, Title, and Signature of Applicant:

Certified by \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**15 ADDENDUM A. PROGRAM EFFECTS ON OTHER (AQUATIC OR TERRESTRIAL) ESA-LISTED POPULATIONS. (Anadromous salmonid effects are addressed in Section 2).**

**15.1 List all ESA permits or authorizations for USFWS ESA-listed, proposed, and candidate salmonid and non-salmonid species associated with the hatchery program.**

The WDFW and the USFWS have a Cooperative Agreement pursuant to section 6(c) of the Endangered Species Act that covers the majority of the WDFW actions, including hatchery operations.

*"The department is authorized by the USFWS for certain activities that may result in the take of bull trout, including salmon/steelhead hatchery broodstocking, hatchery monitoring and evaluation activities and conservation activities such as adult traps, juvenile monitoring, spawning ground surveys..."*

**15.2 Describe USFWS ESA-listed, proposed, and candidate salmonid and non-salmonid species and habitat that may be affected by hatchery program.**

Several USFWS listed and candidate species are found in Cowlitz County, however the hatchery operations and facilities for this program do not fall within the critical habitat for any of these species. As such there are no effects anticipated for these species.

**Listed or candidate species:**

"No effect" for the following species:

Bull trout (*Salvelinus confluentus*) – Threatened (Critical Habitat Designated)

Nelson's checker-mallow (*Sidalcea nelsoniana*) –Threatened

Marbled murrelet (*Brachyramphus marmoratus*) –Threatened (Critical Habitat Designated)

Columbian White-Tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus leucurus*) – Endangered

Gray Wolf (*Canis lupus*) –Threatened

Northern Spotted owl (*Strix occidentalis caurina*) –Threatened (Critical Habitat Designated)

**Candidate Species**

North American wolverine (*Gulo gulo luteus*) – contiguous U.S. DPS

**15.3 Analyze effects.**

Not applicable.

**15.4 Actions taken to minimize potential effects.**

Program coho are released fully smolted to foster rapid outmigration from the basin and to minimize predation and residualism risks.

**15.5 References**

Not applicable.

## 16 “Take” Tables

**Table 1.** Estimated listed salmonid take levels of by hatchery activity.

<b>Listed species affected:</b> Spring Chinook ( <i>Oncorhynchus tshawytscha</i> )	<b>ESU/Population:</b> Lower Columbia River Spring Chinook		<b>Activity:</b> Kalama Falls Hatchery Type-N Coho Program	
<b>Location of hatchery activity:</b> Kalama Falls Hatchery, Kalama River at RKm 16.1	<b>Dates of activity:</b> September-January		<b>Hatchery program operator:</b> WDFW	
<b>Type of Take</b>	<b>Annual Take of Listed Fish By Life Stage (<i>Number of Fish</i>)</b>			
	<b>Egg/Fry</b>	<b>Juvenile/Smolt</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>Carcass</b>
<b>Observe or harass <sup>a</sup></b>				
<b>Collect for transport <sup>b</sup></b>				
<b>Capture, handle, and release <sup>c</sup></b>			TBD	
<b>Capture, handle, tag/mark/tissue sample, and released<sup>d</sup></b>				
<b>Removal (e.g. broodstock) <sup>e</sup></b>			TBD	
<b>Intentional lethal take <sup>f</sup></b>			TBD	
<b>Unintentional lethal take <sup>g</sup></b>		TBD		
<b>Other Take (specify) <sup>h</sup></b>				

Take Tables to be submitted to NOAA-NMFS, in progress.

- Contact with listed fish through stream surveys, carcass and mark recovery projects, or migrational delay at weirs.
- Take associated with weir or trapping operations where listed fish are captured and transported for release.
- Take associated with weir or trapping operations where listed fish are captured, handled and released upstream or downstream.
- Take occurring due to tagging and/or bio-sampling of fish collected through trapping operations prior to upstream or downstream release, or through carcass recovery programs.
- Listed fish removed from the wild and collected for use as broodstock.
- Intentional mortality of listed fish, usually as a result of spawning as broodstock.
- Unintentional mortality of listed fish, including loss of fish during transport or holding prior to spawning or prior to release into the wild, or, for integrated programs, mortalities during incubation and rearing.
- Other takes not identified above as a category.

### **Instructions:**

- An entry for a fish to be taken should be in the take category that describes the greatest impact.
- Each take to be entered in the table should be in one take category only (there should not be more than one entry for the same sampling event).
- If an individual fish is to be taken more than once on separate occasions, each take must be entered in the take table.



**Table 2.** Estimated listed salmonid take levels of by hatchery activity.

<b>Listed species affected:</b> Fall Chinook ( <i>Oncorhynchus tshawytscha</i> )	<b>ESU/Population:</b> Lower Columbia River Fall Chinook		<b>Activity:</b> Kalama Falls Hatchery Type-N Coho Program	
<b>Location of hatchery activity:</b> Kalama Falls Hatchery, Kalama River at Rkm 16.1	<b>Dates of activity:</b> September-January		<b>Hatchery program operator:</b> WDFW	
<b>Type of Take</b>	<b>Annual Take of Listed Fish By Life Stage (<i>Number of Fish</i>)</b>			
	<b>Egg/Fry</b>	<b>Juvenile/Smolt</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>Carcass</b>
<b>Observe or harass <sup>a</sup></b>				
<b>Collect for transport <sup>b</sup></b>				
<b>Capture, handle, and release <sup>c</sup></b>			TBD	
<b>Capture, handle, tag/mark/tissue sample, and released<sup>d</sup></b>				
<b>Removal (e.g. broodstock) <sup>e</sup></b>				
<b>Intentional lethal take <sup>f</sup></b>			TBD	
<b>Unintentional lethal take <sup>g</sup></b>		TBD	TBD	
<b>Other Take (specify) <sup>h</sup></b>				

a. Contact with listed fish through stream surveys, carcass and mark recovery projects, or migrational delay at weirs.

b. Take associated with weir or trapping operations where listed fish are captured and transported for release.

c. Take associated with weir or trapping operations where listed fish are captured, handled and released upstream or downstream.

d. Take occurring due to tagging and/or bio-sampling of fish collected through trapping operations prior to upstream or downstream release, or through carcass recovery programs.

e. Listed fish removed from the wild and collected for use as broodstock.

f. Intentional mortality of listed fish, usually as a result of spawning as broodstock.

g. Unintentional mortality of listed fish, including loss of fish during transport or holding prior to spawning or prior to release into the wild, or, for integrated programs, mortalities during incubation and rearing.

h. Other takes not identified above as a category.

**Table 3.** Estimated listed salmonid take levels of by hatchery activity.

<b>Listed species affected:</b> Winter Steelhead ( <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> )	<b>ESU/Population:</b> Lower Columbia River Winter Steelhead	<b>Activity:</b> Kalama Falls Hatchery Type-N Coho Program		
<b>Location of hatchery activity:</b> Kalama Falls Hatchery, Kalama River at RKm 16.1	<b>Dates of activity:</b> September-January	<b>Hatchery program operator:</b> WDFW		
<b>Type of Take</b>	<b>Annual Take of Listed Fish By Life Stage (<i>Number of Fish</i>)</b>			
	<b>Egg/Fry</b>	<b>Juvenile/Smolt</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>Carcass</b>
<b>Observe or harass <sup>a</sup></b>				
<b>Collect for transport <sup>b</sup></b>				
<b>Capture, handle, and release <sup>c</sup></b>			TBD	
<b>Capture, handle, tag/mark/tissue sample, and released<sup>d</sup></b>				
<b>Removal (e.g. broodstock) <sup>e</sup></b>				
<b>Intentional lethal take <sup>f</sup></b>			TBD	
<b>Unintentional lethal take <sup>g</sup></b>		TBD	TBD	
<b>Other Take (specify) <sup>h</sup></b>				

a. Contact with listed fish through stream surveys, carcass and mark recovery projects, or migrational delay at weirs.

b. Take associated with weir or trapping operations where listed fish are captured and transported for release.

c. Take associated with weir or trapping operations where listed fish are captured, handled and released upstream or downstream.

d. Take occurring due to tagging and/or bio-sampling of fish collected through trapping operations prior to upstream or downstream release, or through carcass recovery programs.

e. Listed fish removed from the wild and collected for use as broodstock.

f. Intentional mortality of listed fish, usually as a result of spawning as broodstock.

g. Unintentional mortality of listed fish, including loss of fish during transport or holding prior to spawning or prior to release into the wild, or, for integrated programs, mortalities during incubation and rearing.

h. Other takes not identified above as a category.

**Table 4.** Estimated listed salmonid take levels of by hatchery activity.

<b>Listed species affected:</b> Coho ( <i>Oncorhynchus kisutch</i> )	<b>ESU/Population:</b> Lower Columbia River Coho		<b>Activity:</b> Kalama Falls Hatchery Type-N Coho Program	
<b>Location of hatchery activity:</b> Kalama Falls Hatchery, Kalama River at RKm 16.1	<b>Dates of activity:</b> September-January		<b>Hatchery program operator:</b> WDFW	
<b>Type of Take</b>	<b>Annual Take of Listed Fish By Life Stage (<i>Number of Fish</i>)</b>			
	<b>Egg/Fry</b>	<b>Juvenile/Smolt</b>	<b>Adult</b>	<b>Carcass</b>
<b>Observe or harass <sup>a</sup></b>				
<b>Collect for transport <sup>b</sup></b>				
<b>Capture, handle, and release <sup>c</sup></b>				
<b>Capture, handle, tag/mark/tissue sample, and released<sup>d</sup></b>				
<b>Removal (e.g. broodstock) <sup>e</sup></b>			TBD	
<b>Intentional lethal take <sup>f</sup></b>			TBD	
<b>Unintentional lethal take <sup>g</sup></b>	TBD	TBD		
<b>Other Take (specify) <sup>h</sup></b>				

a. Contact with listed fish through stream surveys, carcass and mark recovery projects, or migrational delay at weirs.

b. Take associated with weir or trapping operations where listed fish are captured and transported for release.

c. Take associated with weir or trapping operations where listed fish are captured, handled and released upstream or downstream.

d. Take occurring due to tagging and/or bio-sampling of fish collected through trapping operations prior to upstream or downstream release, or through carcass recovery programs.

e. Listed fish removed from the wild and collected for use as broodstock.

f. Intentional mortality of listed fish, usually as a result of spawning as broodstock.

g. Unintentional mortality of listed fish, including loss of fish during transport or holding prior to spawning or prior to release into the wild, or, for integrated programs, mortalities during incubation and rearing.

h. Other takes not identified above as a category.